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そんな手だからこそ、ここで彼らを許すわけにはいかない

表情に乏しく、そして、他を寄せ付けない雰囲気を纏う不思議な少女。

彼女の言葉に揺り動かされ、貴しき民衆に貴族の無礼な振舞いを報告した。事実に自分達が処刑されることは覚悟のうえで、それでも、民衆に暮らす貴族達を激情のまま殺そうとしたのだ。これで死者のでないはずがない――それが、過去の事実を外部で知りえた数少ない人々の、常識的な観測だった。

だが、舞踏会場には彼女がいた。気高き「貴族」にして「陸軍3課実働部隊」アリス・L・マルヴィーン。頼れる部下達の援護も受けた彼女の活動が、細く脆い刃の上を踏み渡るようなものでありながらも、未だ一人の死者も出させていない。しかし、事態の円満な解決を望む彼女に、民衆は武器を捨てず、それどころか、"悪に公平"な彼女だからこそ、

あの手のひらに、
どれほどの対価を
載せろというのじゃ・・・・

なんだなんだ、この5巻は！

どいつもこいつも
ラブラブチュッチュッと[illegible]な！

軍人たるもの
もっとストイックにある[illegible]

・・・よかろう、私が手本を見[illegible]
ん？　私か？
私はリドリー戦車[illegible]
階級は少尉！
得物は鞭！

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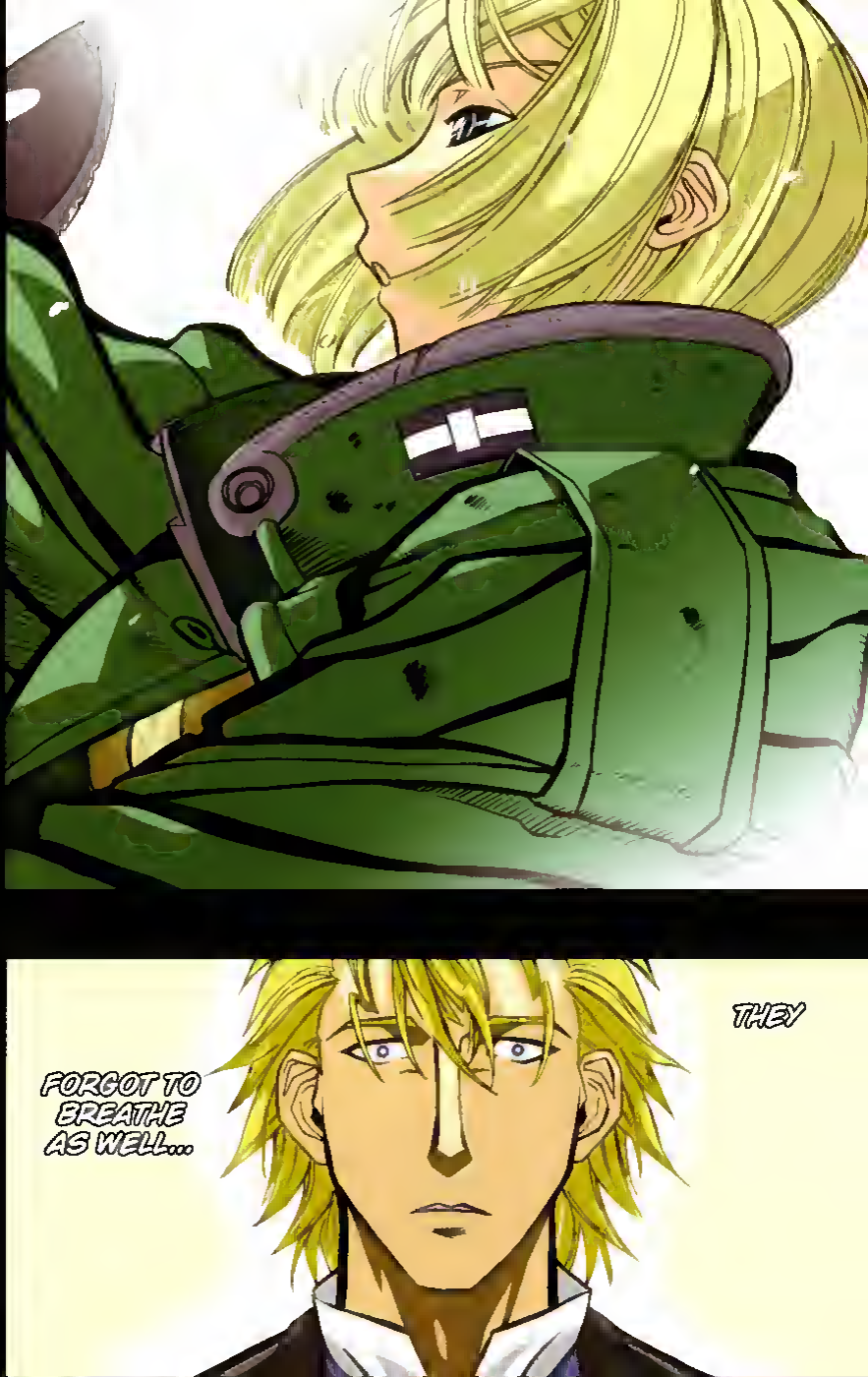
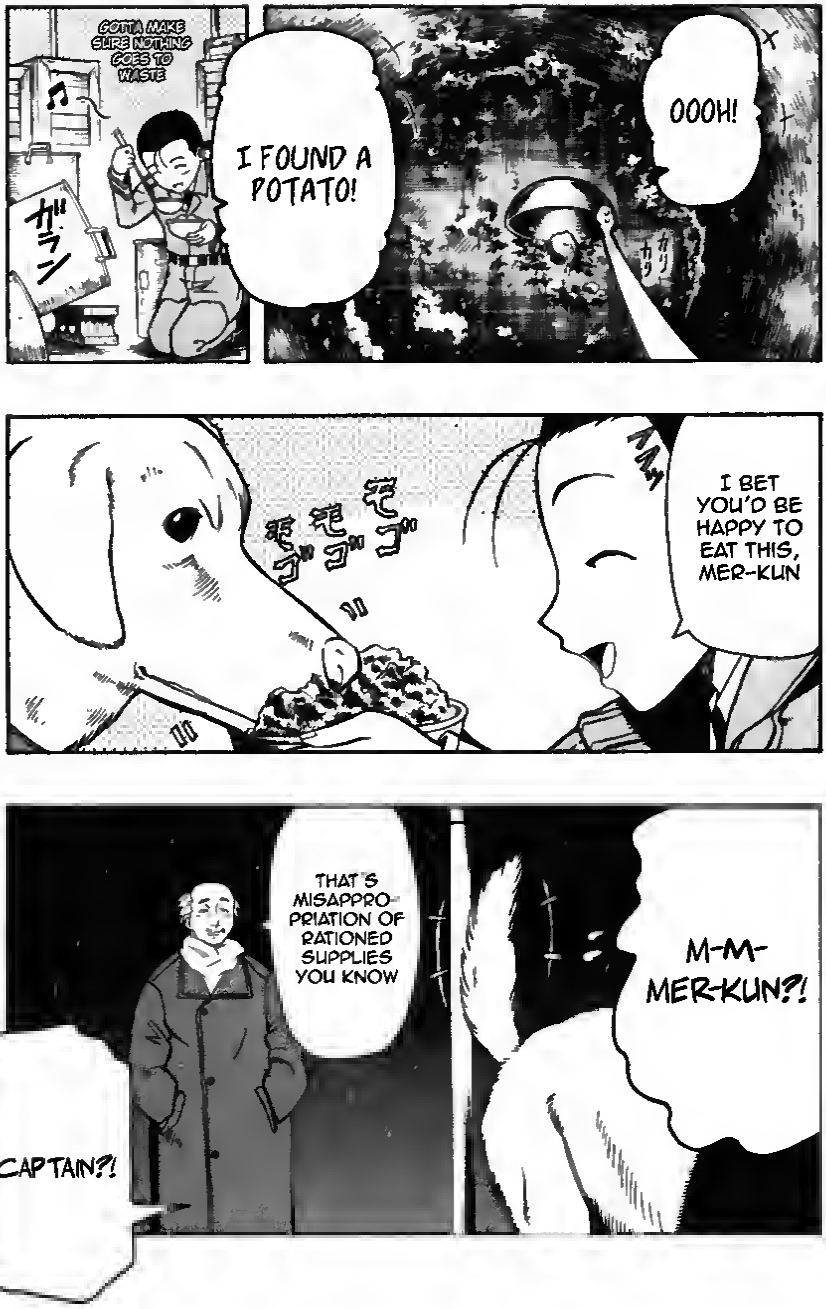
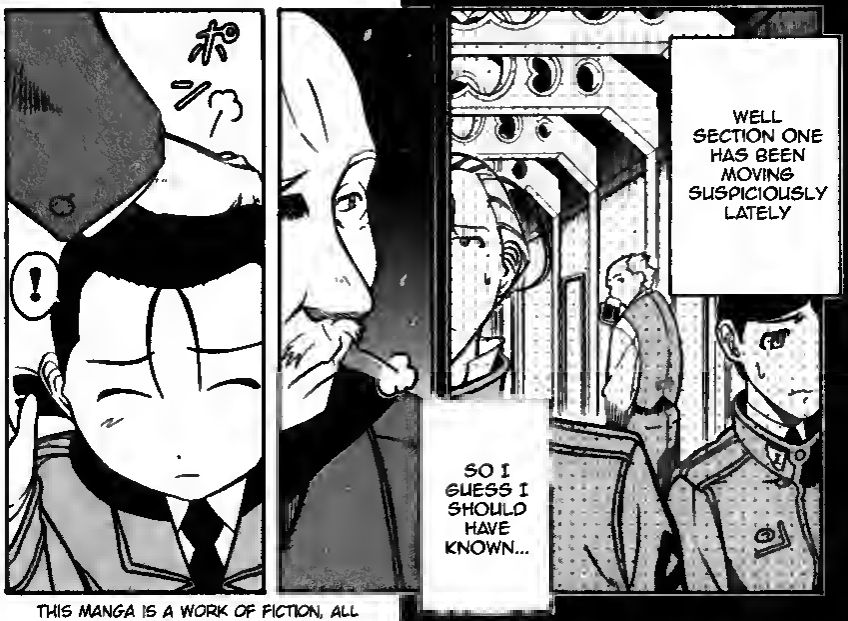
CAN ONLY STARE AT WHAT'S GOING ON
IDIOTS...
DD
.....
SHE WAS TERRIBLE AT DANCING
EVEN THOUGH
TODAY..
BUT..


THEY
FORGOT TO BREATHE AS WELL...


GOTTA MAKE SURE NOTHING GOES TO WASTE
ガラン
I FOUND A POTATO!
OOOH!
カリ カリ
I BET YOU'D BE HAPPY TO EAT THIS, MER-KUN
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
M-M-MER-KUN?!
THAT'S MISAPPROPRIATION OF RATIONED SUPPLIES YOU KNOW
CAPTAIN?!



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CHAPTER 14
†第14話

TRICK IN TREAT. A SWEET TRAP

ドン

!
TO STEP INTO HIS TERRITORY
!
I NO LONGER NEED TO HESITATE...

キン!!
キイ

WHICH MAKES THEM EASY TO READ
JUST LIKE YOUR PERSONALITY.. YOUR ATTACKS ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND DIRECT

AH NO, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ROOTING FOR THAT NOBLE GIRL OR ANYTHING....
DAMN, SO CLOSE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF SHE LOSES!
NO MATTER WHAT PRETTY WORDS SHE USES...
H... HEY
I'M GOING TO END THIS DUEL RIGHT NOW!!

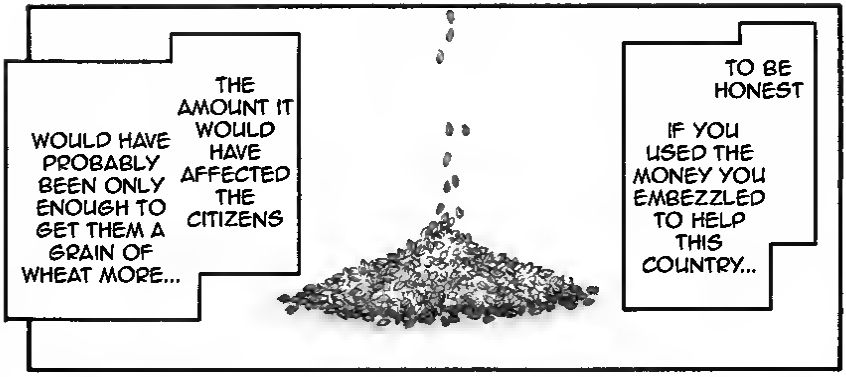
ザッ

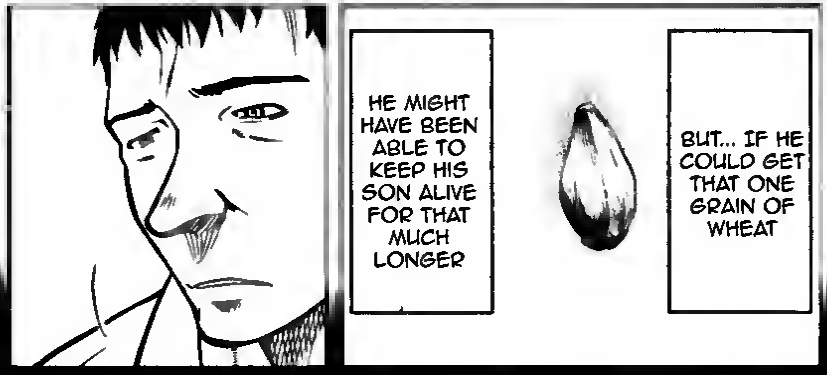
IF WE GO AT HIM ALL AT ONCE WE CAN WIN!
H...HEY SOMEONE HELP ME OUT HERE
WE CAN EASILY TAKE HIM DOWN...
STOP COWERING YOU PANSIES, HE'S ALREADY HALF DEAD
WHA...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE!
WOULD THAT BE THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
BUT

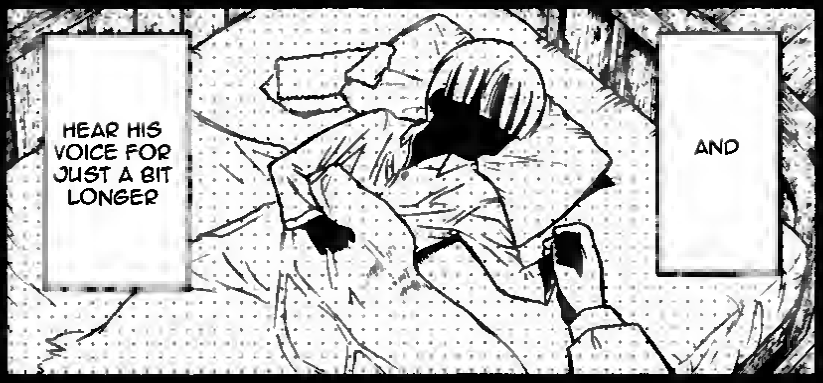
WE JUST CAME OUT HERE TO KILL THAT EVIL SCUMBAG
ORIGINALLY
IF THEY REALLY WANT TO KILL YOU, THOUGH
THERE'S NOT JUST PEOPLE THAT WANT TO USE JUSTICE AS AN EXCUSE TO DO THIS
JUST SAY THIS IS JUSTICE?
DID YOU...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF THEY HADN'T MENTIONED JUSTICE AT ALL

WHY DO THEY HATE ME SO MUCH..?
WHY..
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO KILL SOMEONE OVER IS IT?!
IF I DID EMBEZZLE MONEY..
WHAT IF.. THIS IS JUST A HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION BUT
BUT IS THAT SOMETHING SO TERRIBLE I HAVE TO DIE FOR IT?!
IT'S TRUE THAT I GET TO EAT AS MUCH FOOD AS I LIKE!

HE SAID IT EARLIER...
.....
A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED TO HIM RIGHT?
THOSE GUYS' LEADER
NOT REALLY
I'M NOT SO NAIVE AS TO BELIEVE THE WORLD WORKS LIKE THAT
IF I HADN'T EMBEZZLED MONEY, HIS KID'S LIFE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAVED... IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY?
THAT'S STUPID

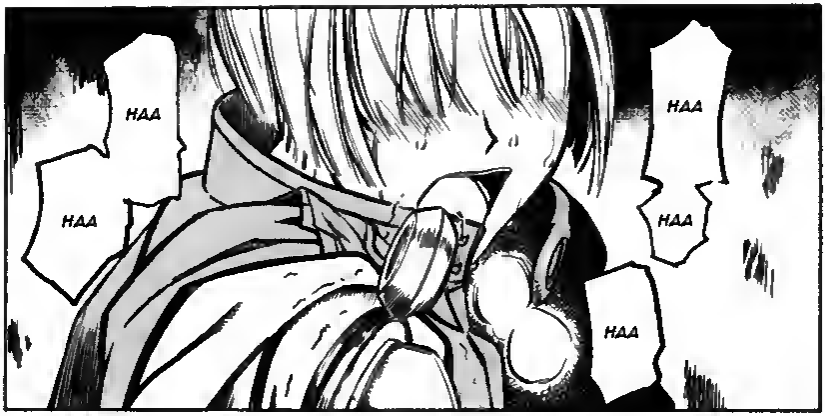

THE AMOUNT IT WOULD HAVE AFFECTED THE CITIZENS
WOULD HAVE PROBABLY BEEN ONLY ENOUGH TO GET THEM A GRAIN OF WHEAT MORE...
TO BE HONEST
IF YOU USED THE MONEY YOU EMBEZZLED TO HELP THIS COUNTRY...


HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP HIS SON ALIVE FOR THAT MUCH LONGER
BUT... IF HE COULD GET THAT ONE GRAIN OF WHEAT

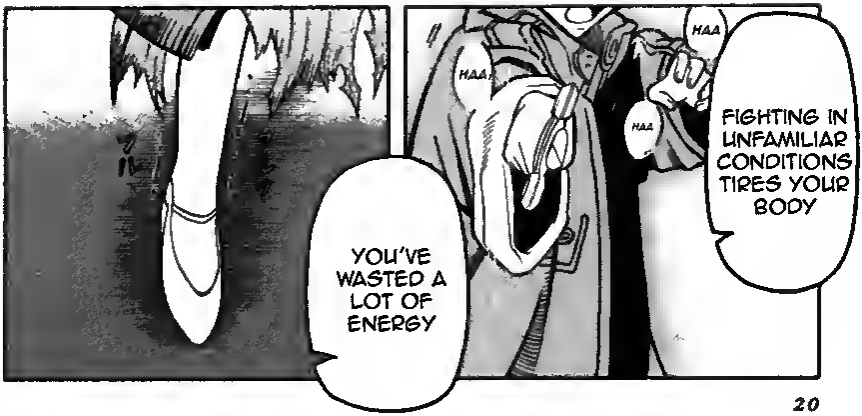

HEAR HIS VOICE FOR JUST A BIT LONGER
AND

AND IT WOULD HAVE JUST BEEN A PAINFUL MEMORY FOR HIM
AND IF COULD HEAR HIS SON'S FINAL WORDS, MAYBE HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN DRIVEN TO KILL YOU
AND THIS IS THE RESULT
WHAT YOU STOLE FROM THEM WAS THAT ONE GRAIN
HOW MANY GRAINS OF WHEAT COULD IT HAVE BOUGHT THEM?
THE MONEY YOU JUST THREW AROUND BECAUSE IT WAS FUN

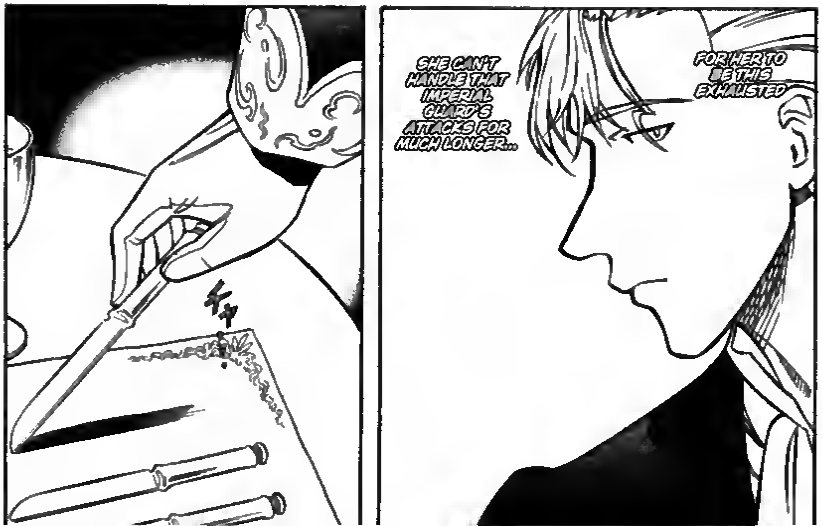
THAT'S HOW IT IS
.....
CLANK
CLINK
キィン
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?


HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA

LOOKS LIKE IT'S FINALLY TAKING ITS TOLL
HAA
HAA


YOU'VE WASTED A LOT OF ENERGY
FIGHTING IN UNFAMILIAR CONDITIONS TIRES YOUR BODY
HAA
HAA
HAA

IT'S TIME TO END THIS!!
SORRY BUT...


SHE CAN'T HANDLE THAT IMPERIAL GUARD'S ATTACKS FOR MUCH LONGER...
FOR HER TO BE THIS EXHAUSTED

AS SOON AS I GET THE CHANCE..
HAA
NOT YET
HAA
I'M STILL WARMING UP
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
IS SUPPOSED TO BE RIGHT HANDED
BUT THE PRINCESS...
I WONDER IF
HAA
HAA
YOU CAN TAKE ME ONE ON ONE
HAA

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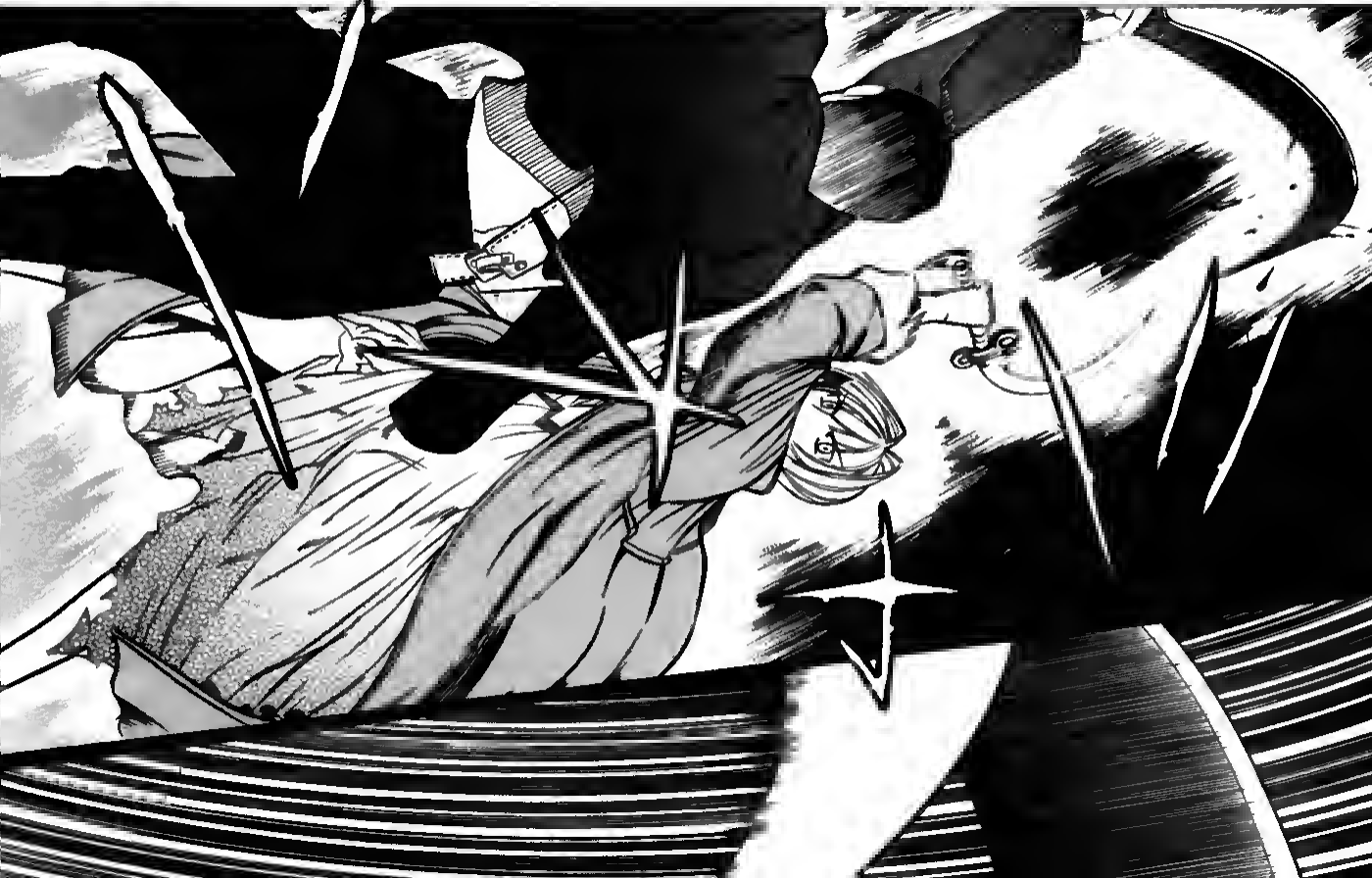
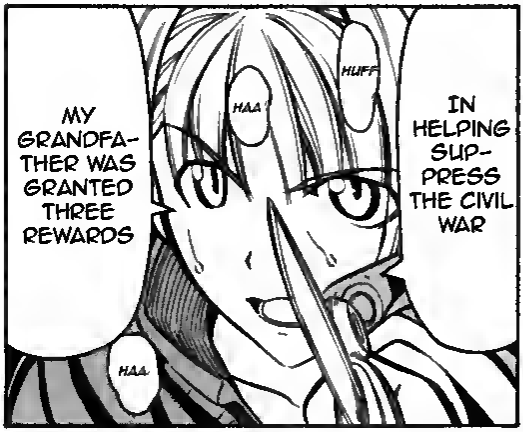


SHE BLOCKED IT?!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
SHE TURNED IT AWAY USING MY OWN STRENGTH...
URGH ...
ARRRGGH !!!!!
THE FORCE OF MY BLOW...
WAS REDIRECTED JUST LIKE THAT?!
CLANG
WHEN OUR BLADES MEET

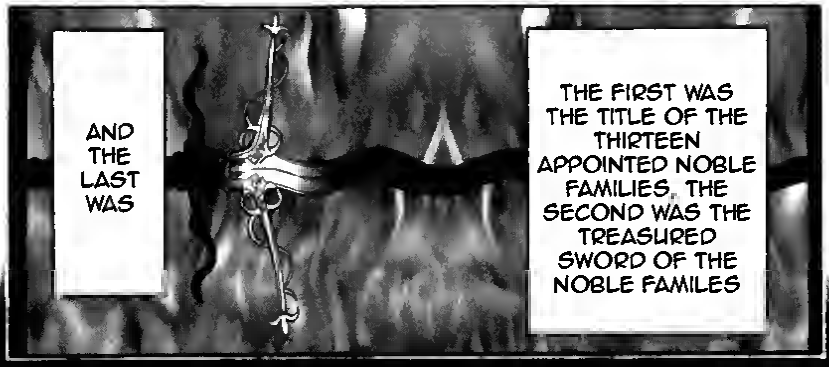
THAT CHANGES!
IT'S JUST THE DIRECTION OF MINE

IT CAN'T BE
?!
HAA

KU

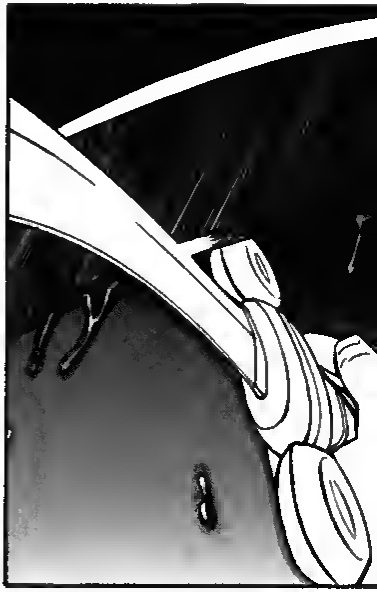

MY GRANDFA-THER WAS GRANTED THREE REWARDS
HAA
HUFF
IN HELPING SUP-PRESS THE CIVIL WAR
HAA

FOR HIS ASSISTANCE
(?)
(HAA)

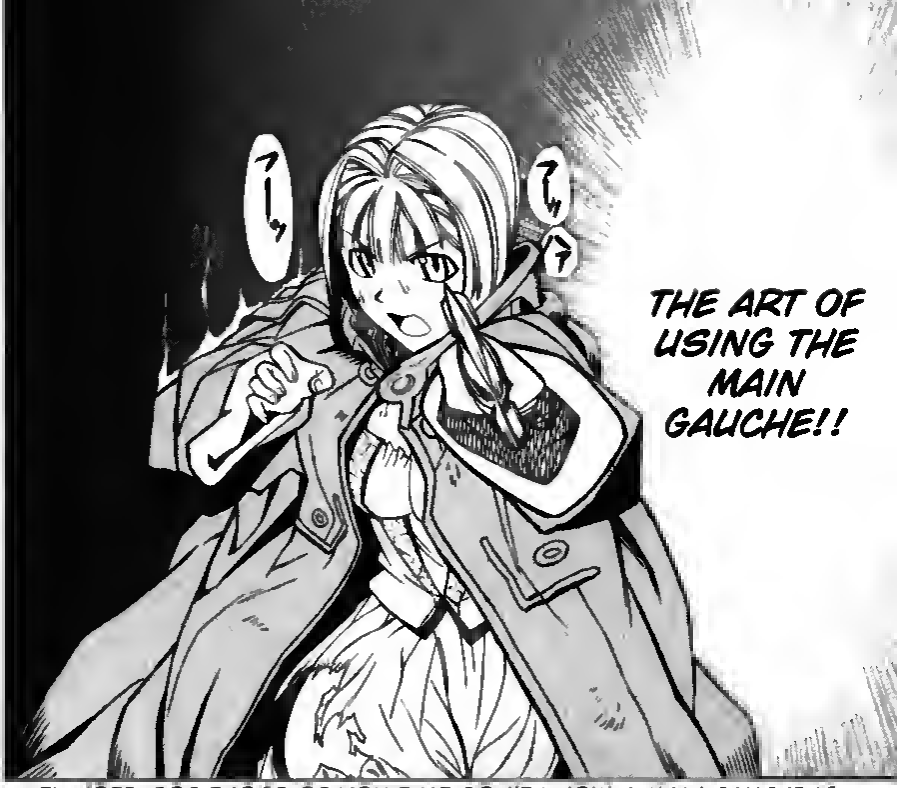

AND THE LAST WAS
THE FIRST WAS THE TITLE OF THE THIRTEEN APPOINTED NOBLE FAMILIES. THE SECOND WAS THE TREASURED SWORD OF THE NOBLE FAMILES

HE WAS PERSONALLY HANDED DOWN A SECRET SWORD TECHNIQUE FROM THE LATE KING...
FOR MY GRANDFATHER WHO REGRETTED HAVING TO CUT DOWN A TEENAGE SOLDIER DURING THE FIGHTING

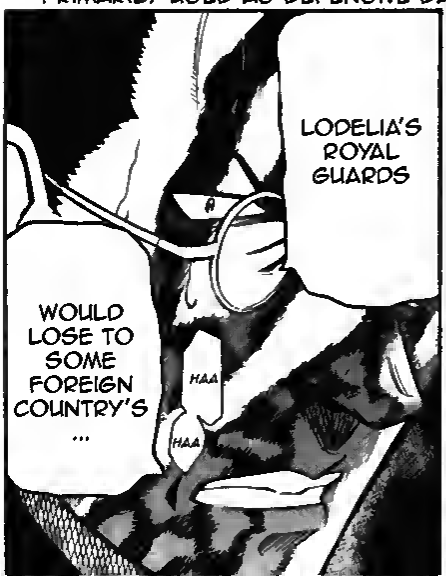
ギ…



THE WAY TO PREVENT ATTACKS...

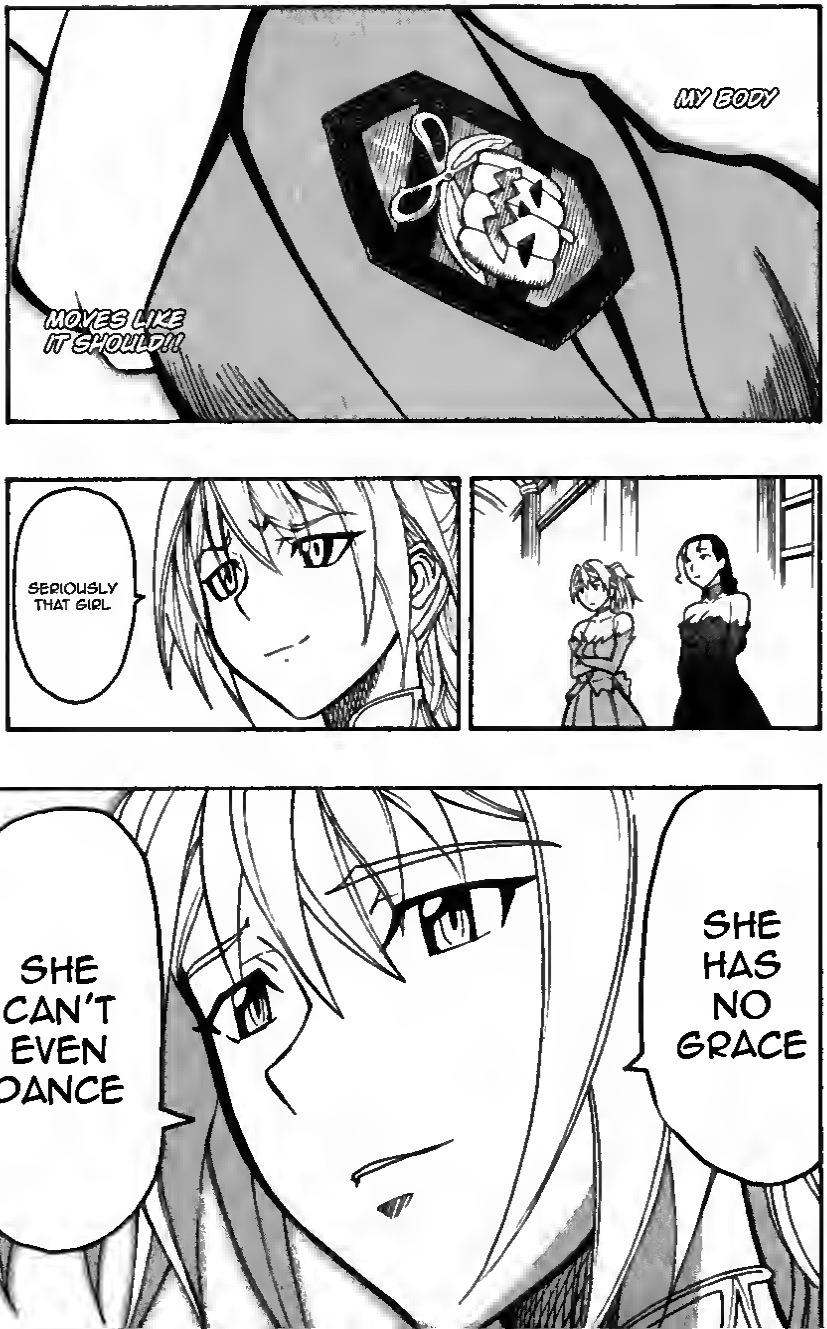


TL NOTE: FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW, A MAIN GAUCHE IS PRIMARILY USED AS DEFENSIVE DAGGER MEANT TO PARRY ATTACKS



SWORD!!
HOW STRANGE...

EVEN THOUGH I'M EXHAUSTED
EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HIT HIM EVEN ONCE YET
WHEN I THINK ABOUT THOSE GUYS...
MOVES THE WAY I WANT
MY BODY

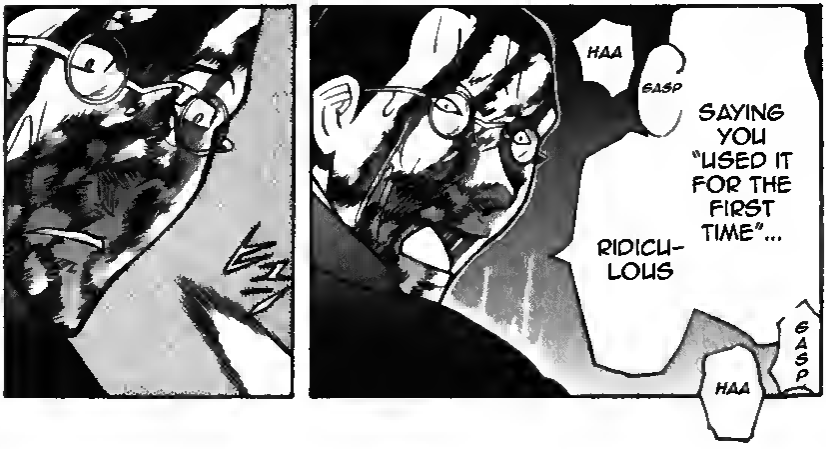

MY BODY
MOVES LIKE IT SHOULD!!
SERIOUSLY THAT GIRL
SHE CAN'T EVEN DANCE
SHE HAS NO GRACE

"GRIP"

LODELIA'S SWORD!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
LODELIA
フォン
HUFF
GASP
HAA
HAA
I'VE PRACTICED FIGHTING WITH MY LEFT HAND FOR YEARS NOW
HAA HAA
HAA
HAA
I'VE REALIZED
HAA
HAA
AND NOW THAT I'VE FINALLY USED IT IN BATTLE FOR THE FIRST TIME
HAA
HAA

ARE YOU READY?
DEFENSIVE BATTLES REALLY AREN'T MY STYLE

RETURNED TO NORMAL
THE PRINCESS' BREATHING


HAA
GASP
SAYING YOU "USED IT FOR THE FIRST TIME"...
RIDICU-LOUS
GASP
HAA

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU COME AT ME...
SWISH
カッ
キン
ガッ
キュン
BUT...
THE STRENGTH OF HER ATTACKS WAS MUCH HIGHER WHEN SHE WAS USING HER RIGHT HAND...

HER LEFT HAND IS... FAST
!!

I SCREWED UP...
I GOT TOO EXCITED ABOUT DEFENDING LODELIA'S PRIDE AND LOST MY COOL...

TREMBLE

!
ドガ
OR PERHAPS IT WAS THAT NOBLE MADE ME LOSE MY COOL...
NO, THAT'S NOT IT...
I JUST WASN'T SKILLED ENOUGH, THAT'S ALL

YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS GOING TO KILL YOU DID YOU?
THAT'S FOR RUINING MY DRESS
AS YOU THINK
I'M NOT AS STRAIGHT-FORWARD
IT'S YOUR WIN, NOBLE

MALVIN WON
AAAH....
SO DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE.... SAVED?
W.... WHAT DO WE DO?
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME...

.....
!
WHINE
IT LOOKS LIKE SECTION 1...
FOUND OUT ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!!
THEY'RE SLOWLY EXTINGUISHING ALL OF THE GAS LAMPS LEADING TO THIS PLACE....
JUST AS I THOUGHT! LITTLE BY LITTLE....

NO, EVER SINCE THE BEGINNING...
IS SECTION 1 HELPING IN SETTING THEM UP..?
THE CONDITIONS THAT LIONEL TAYLOR WISHED FOR...
THOSE GUYS STILL HAVEN'T THROWN DOWN THEIR WEAPONS!
IS JUST ONE SMALL PUSH!
ALL THAT'S NEEDED NOW

EVEN IF YOU ARE THE COMMANDER OF SECTION 3, CAPTAIN HANKS
YOU CAN'T GO ANY FARTHER THAN THIS
WE'D LIKE YOU TO STOP INTERFERING WITH SECTION 1... WITH THE MILITARY'S OPERATIONS
BESIDES, YOU'RE NOT ON DUTY RIGHT NOW ARE YOU?
IT LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING JUST RAN UP THE WALL...
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW...
AHHH
HHH
HH
H

AH CAPTAIN!
WELCOME BACK!
しあわあっ
IT WAS A CAT
TO BE ABLE TO JUMP THAT HIGH...
トテ
トテテ
SECTION 1 HAS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE AREA
ピク
YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALL GOING TO BE TORTURED
NO ONE'S GOING TO GET AWAY. THEY'RE GOING TO ARREST EVERYONE

I-
IT'LL BE FINE, ALICE-SAN AND THE OTHERS ARE OVER THERE
MY FAMILY... MY FAMILY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
RIGHT CAPTAIN!
THAT'S WHY YOU SENT MER-KUN TO GIVE THEM NEW ORDERS RIGHT?
HM.... WELL
EHHH, THEN WHAT DID YOU SEND?!
NO

I FORGOT...

FOR ALICE & MALVIN, BEING RIGHT OR WRONG ISN'T WHAT'S IMPORTANT
FOR SECTION 3

DON'T BE DECEIVED BY THEM!

IF WE THROW DOWN OUR WEAPONS RIGHT NOW, WE'LL BE FORGIVEN RIGHT?

BUT.... WE WERE ONLY DOING THAT BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO
ARE YOU SCARED OF DYING?!
WE CAME HERE TO KILL THOSE NOBLE BASTARDS! WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO WATCH SOME STUPID DUEL
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE AT THEIR LIMIT ALREADY...
THAT YOUNG GIRL
IF THAT'S WHAT A REAL NOBLE IS

WHAT...
DOES THAT MAKE ME?

A NOBLE
WHO ONLY COMMITS CRIMES

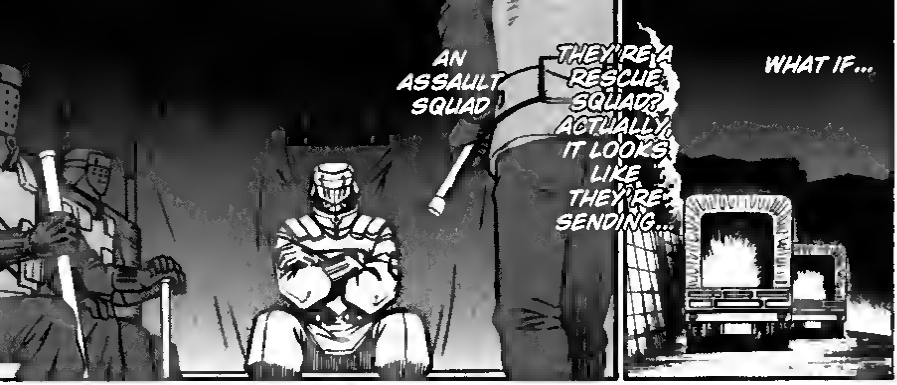
IT'S THAT GIRL
DAMNIT

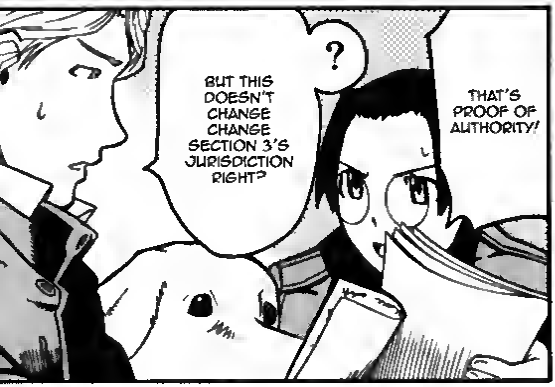
THAT EVERYONE
STARTED LOSING THEIR NERVE
I'M FINE
LIEU-TEN-ANT
IT'S ALL THAT GIRL'S FAULT
A!!
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU!!!
COR-PO-RAL?!

SU...
MERCURY?!
A MILITARY DOG?!

THE AXE FORCE?!
IT'S FROM THE CAPTAIN
THE POLICE HAVE BEEN MOBLIZED...

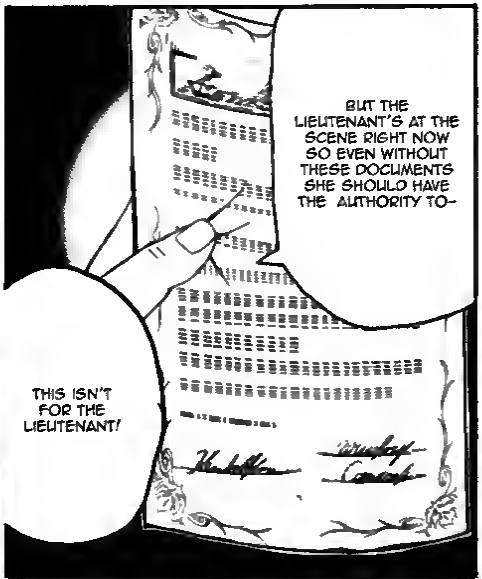
WE'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED!!
EVEN IF THOSE GUYS DROP THEIR WEAPONS...
THAT MEANS...
THEY'RE STARTING TO MOVE N...
YEAH... AND WE'RE OUT OF TIME
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO JUST GO BACK TO THEIR HOUSES...


AN ASSAULT SQUAD!
THEY'RE A RESCUE SQUAD? ACTUALLY, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SENDING...
WHAT IF...


BUT THIS DOESN'T CHANGE CHANGE SECTION 3'S JURISDICTION RIGHT?
?
THAT'S PROOF OF AUTHORITY!

.....
WHAT'S THIS?

THESE DOCUMENTS— ARE FOR US!


BUT THE LIEUTENANT'S AT THE SCENE RIGHT NOW SO EVEN WITHOUT THESE DOCUMENTS SHE SHOULD HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO-
THIS ISN'T FOR THE LIEUTENANT!

...NO
!
THOSE GUYS CAN BE CONVINCED TO THROW DOWN THEIR WEAPONS FIRST!!
SINCE YOU GUYS CAME TO ATTACK THE NOBLES
I SUPPOSE YOU WON'T GET IT WITH JUST THIS

COME
I'LL STOP YOU ALL
LIEU-...
Y-
YOU SAID IT WAS 3V1!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MALVIN!!

BEAT ME YET!!
YOU STILL HAVEN'T
BA DU MP
BA DU MP
J-J...JUST THIS ONE... ESPECIALLY SINCE...
BA DU MP
BA DU MP
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALREADY AT YOUR LIMIT

DO YOU CARE WHO IT IS?
NOT AT ALL...
I'LL LET YOU PICK A REPRESENTATIVE TO FIGHT FOR YOU!

THEN... HIM!
.....
...VERY WELL
PAULO'S GOING TO DUEL WITH A CIVILIAN?!
HEY, IF IT'S A DUEL THEN..
EVEN IF HE KILLS HIM...

AAA
ガタガタ
ガタガタ
ガタガタ
uu
uu
uu
UWAAAA
ア!!

WHY DID YOU FIGHT?!
URGH. .....
HAA!
HAA!
IF YOU'D JUST LISTENED TO THAT MAN'S CONDITIONS, YOU COULD HAVE JUST GIVEN YOURSELF UP
YOU WOULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT ALIVE
THOSE CONDITIONS... NEVER EXISTED!
THAT YOUNG LADY SAID SO TOO.
ボタ ボタ
SHE WAS FIGHTING FOR HER PRIDE AS A NOBLE
THAT'S WHY

WHY
ARE YOU FIGHTING?
FOR MY NOBLE'S... FOR ALL THE NOBLES'...

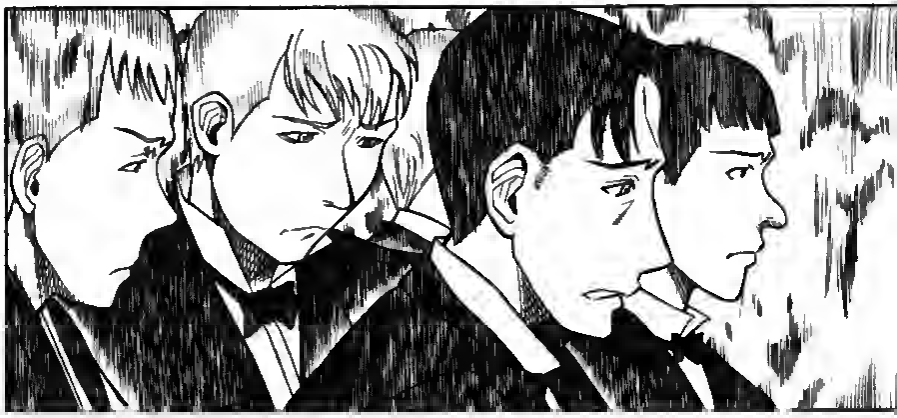
IS THAT SOMETHING
WORTH RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR?!
AT THAT TIME, WE
JUST LAUGHED AT HER WORDS. AND YET!!

キミ
HIIII
HAA
HAA
I... I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
PLEASE JUST SPARE MY LIFE

DIDN'T WANT TO DIE EITHER!!
MY SON
I'M SORRY ...
I'M SORRY ...
WE...
SORRY FOR EVERY-THING
WE'RE SORRY ...
!

THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE REALLY SORRY!!
YOU'RE SORRY?! YOU.... YOU NOBLES
DON'T APOLO-GIZE!
DON'T CRY!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE THE SAME AS US HUMAN BEINGS....
THAT'S SOME-THING ONLY HUMANS DO!

THERE'S NO WAY....
YOU'RE THE SAME....
WE REALLY ARE SORRY
.....



YOU NOBLES...

YOU ARROGANT LAZY BASTARDS...
WHO ONLY THOUGHT OF US AS INSECTS...

WITH A FACE THAT SAYS "WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?" !!
AND THEN LYING AROUND DOING NOTHING
...IT'S JUST AS YOU SAID
THAT'S WHAT YOU "NOBLES" ARE
WE'RE SORRY...

AHHHH...
AH
AH...
AH...
CLATTER
WE CAN'T... DO THIS ANY-MORE...
CLATTER
WE CAN'T...
IT'S IMPO-SIBLE...
CLATTER
CLATTER
KILL THEM ANYMORE

DAMNIT!!
DAMNIT
DAMNIT!
CLATTER
CLANK
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLANK
CLATTER
.....
THEY... THREW DOWN THEIR WEAPONS ....
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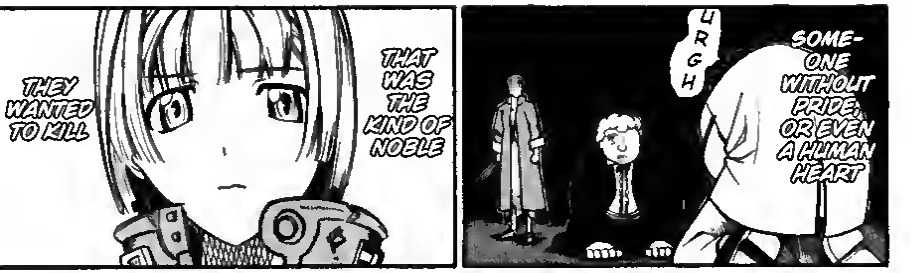
CLANK
CLANK

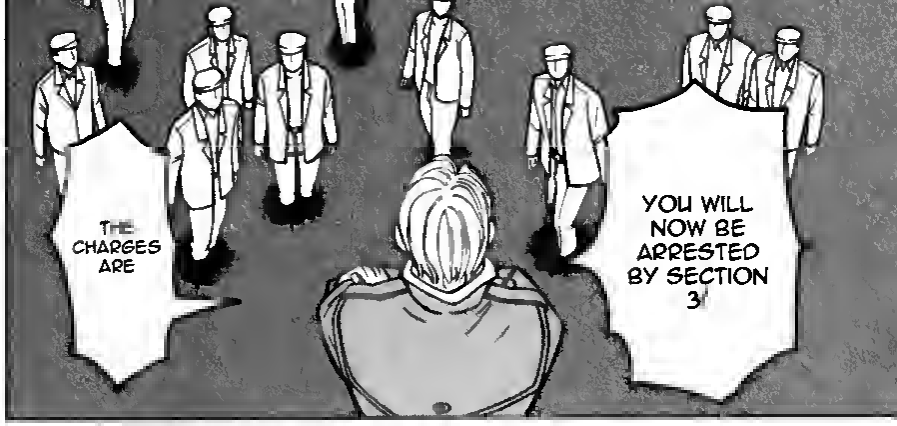


THE COMMONERS COULD NO LONGER BRING THEMSELVES TO KILL HIM
BUT WHEN THE PERSON WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT THAT KIND OF NOBLE, LORD PAULO CAME OUT AND TOOK RESPONSIBILITY

FINALLY... IT'S TIME FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT JOB...

BUT
BUT! THAT MAN SAID THAT IF WE FOLLOWED HIS CONDITIONS WE WOULD BE ACQUITTED...
YEAH BUT... HE WASN'T THE ONE THAT WAS FIGHTING
BESIDES, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PREPARED FOR THIS FROM THE BEGINNING
JUDGING EVIL FAIRLY
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU WERE LIKE THAT THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO SWAY THOSE PEOPLE
AND BECAUSE YOU'RE LIKE THAT...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FORGIVE THEM EITHER
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AND ATTEMPTED MURDER
WAIT A MOMENT
LITTLE MISS NOBLE

HAVE A HIGHER JURISDICTION REGARDING THIS CASE THAN YOU DO!
RIGHT NOW, US MEMBERS OF SECTION 3
THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW I'M-
WHA...
SINCE YOU ARE NOT ACTING IN YOUR CAPACITY AS SECOND LIEUTENANT, RIGHT NOW I AM IN COMMAND
YOU HEARD ME
YOU'RE IN COMMAND RIGHT NOW ORELDO!!
SINCE YOU ARE OFF-DUTY RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A NOBLE LADY


THE CHARGES ARE
YOU WILL NOW BE ARRESTED BY SECTION 3

PROPERTY DAMAGE!

I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS BUT
THIRD IMPERIAL PRINCESS
ORELDO, MACHS
.....

Hanks
THANKS TO THIS OFFICIAL DECREE, EVEN A WARRANT OFFICER SUCH AS MYSELF CAN ARREST A NOBLE LIKE YOU!!
GOING ANY FURTHER WILL BE DEEMED AN OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE!
FROM INTERFERING WITH OUR DUTY!
WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL AFFAIRS

IT'S YOUR LOSS THIS TIME LIEUTENANT

JUST WHO ARE YOU SAYING I LOST TO?
L...LOSS?!

TO PUMPKIN SCISSORS
AND EVERY ONE OF THEM
EACH

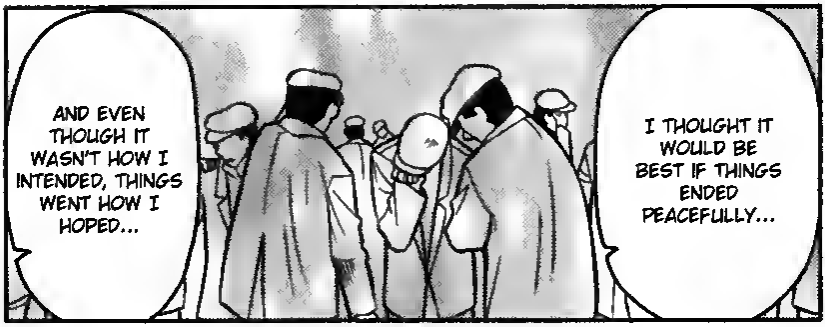
YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER THIS
SECTION 3 CAN ONLY PROTECT YOU FOR 3 DAYS
AH WAT WAIT, DON'T REJOICE JUST YET!
!
THEN IN THOSE THREE DAYS
IF THAT HAP-PENS, YOU'LL ALL BE TORTURED...
AFTER THE 4TH DAY, JURISDICTION WILL PASS TO SECTION 1...

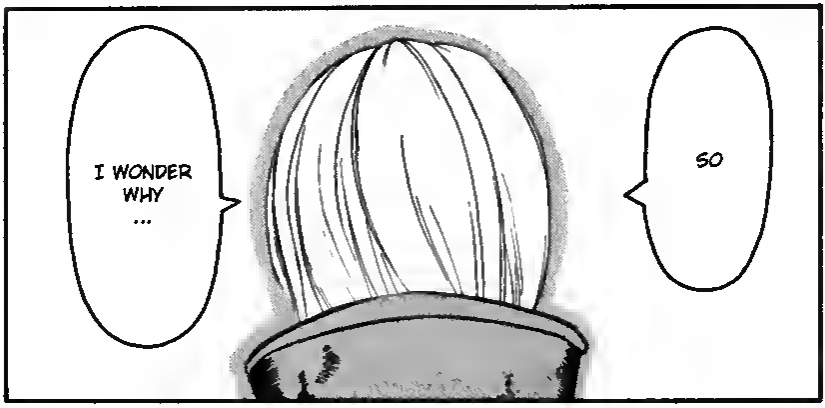
MAR-
QUESS
HORST?!
!?
I'LL
HANDLE
THIS PROBLEM
I'LL MAKE SURE
THEY TAKE YOUR
SITUATION INTO
CONSIDERATION
I HAVE SOME
INFLUENCE
WITH THE
HIGHER UPS IN
THE MILITARY
PLEASE DON'T
THINK OF THIS
AS SYMPATHY...
BUT RATHER
AS US
NOBLES' WAY
OF ATONING
FOR WHAT
WE'VE DONE

PLEASE...
WE...
MAR-QUESS!
BENDING HIS KNEE TO A COM-MONER....!

MAYBE IT WASN'T THE WAY WE WANTED, BUT WITH THIS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP LIVING
WE PUNISHED THE NOBLES!
WE DID IT GUYS!

IT LOOKS LIKE
I'M STILL PRETTY INEX-PERIENCED


AND EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T HOW I INTENDED, THINGS WENT HOW I HOPED...
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF THINGS ENDED PEACEFULLY...

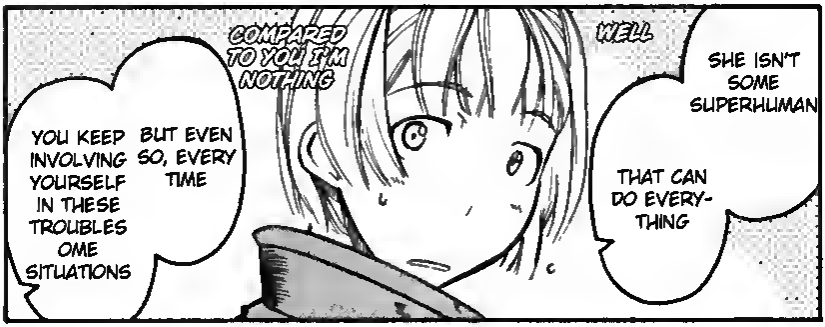

I WONDER WHY ...
SO

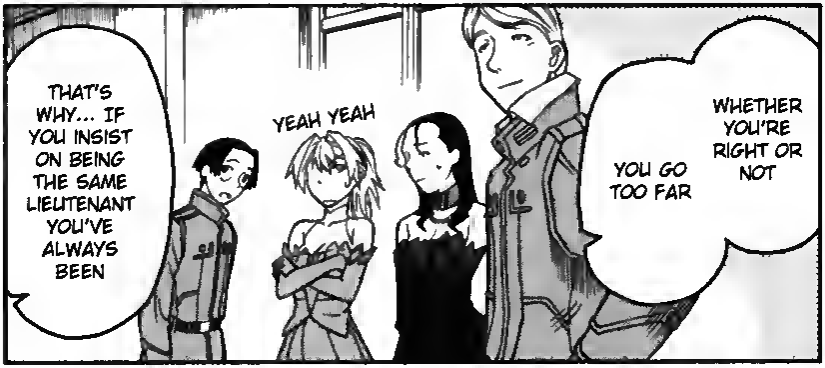
I WASN'T ABLE TO DO THE RIGHT THING
IT FEELS LIKE

WAS THE ONE WHO POINTED OUT THE WAY TO JUSTICE...
IN THE END, THE ONE WHO WAS THE MOST JUST

WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT YOU FROM OUTSIDE THE WINDOW, I REALIZED
... TODAY

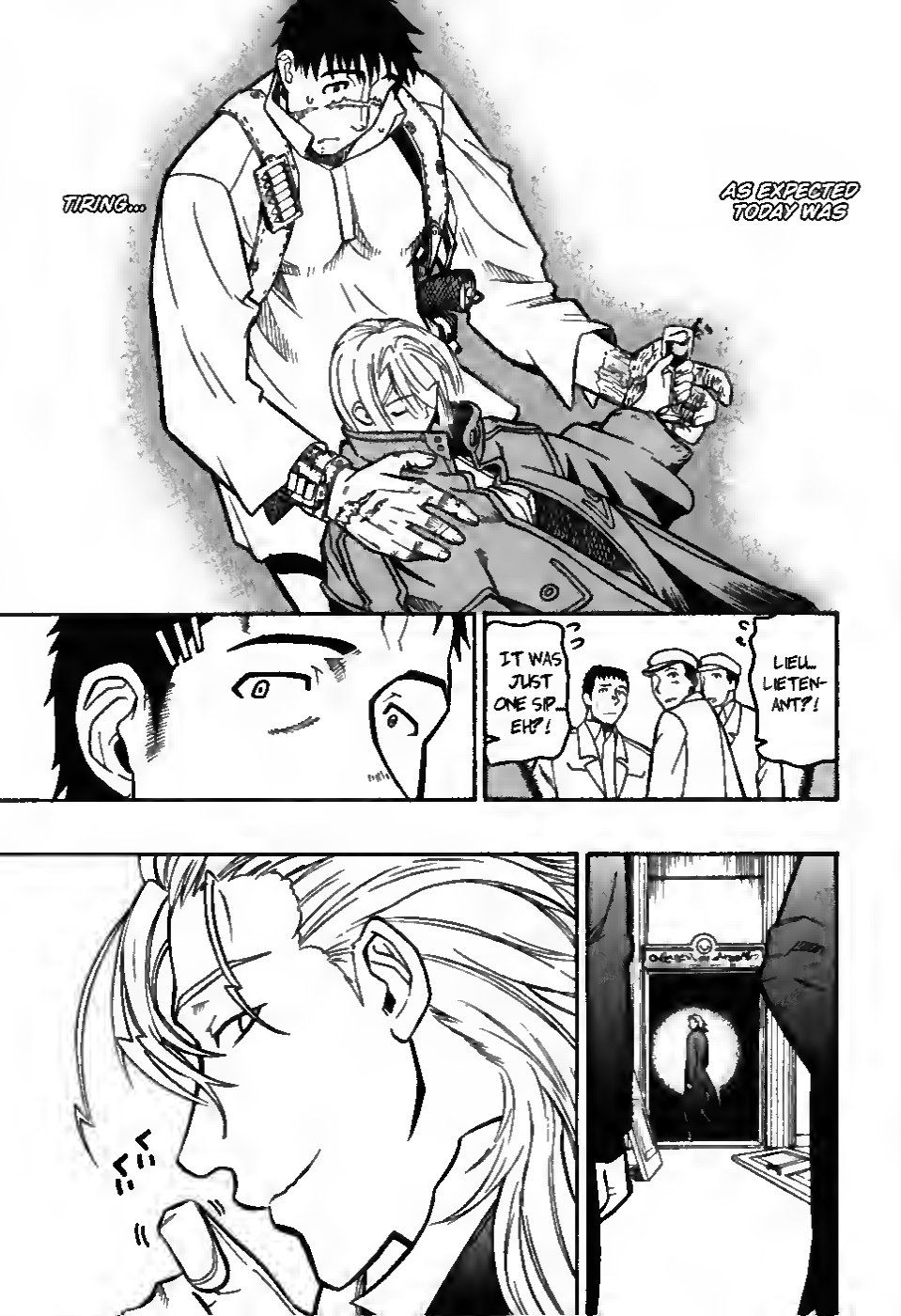
THE LIEUTENANT
IS VERY SMALL


WELL
SHE ISN'T SOME SUPERHUMAN
THAT CAN DO EVERY-THING
COMPARED TO YOU I'M NOTHING
BUT EVEN SO, EVERY TIME
YOU KEEP INVOLVING YOURSELF IN THESE TROUBLES OME SITUATIONS


WHETHER YOU'RE RIGHT OR NOT
YOU GO TOO FAR
YEAH YEAH
THAT'S WHY... IF YOU INSIST ON BEING THE SAME LIEUTENANT YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN

ONCE IN A WHILE
AT THE VERY LEAST
ME... ORELDO... MACHS
YOU COULD RELY ON US TOO
I RELIED ON YOU THIS TIME, BUT DIDN'T YOU GUYS JUST BETRAY ME?

I...
SO THAT YOU COULD PROTECT ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT'S MY LOSS
BESIDES, DIDN'T I CHOOSE YOU GUYS
I...I'LL DO MY BEST SO THAT
ONE DAY, I'LL BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU LIEUTENANT
DON'T SAY ONE DAY. YOU PROTECTED ME JUST NOW YOU KNOW
AAAAAH!!
THAT'S ALCOHOL!!


TIRING...
AS EXPECTED TODAY WAS
IT WAS JUST ONE SIP... EH?!
LIEU... LIETENANT?!

THERE'S ALL KINDS OF NOBLES OUT THERE IT SEEMS
I'M NOT SAYING WE COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU YET
SWISH
BUT IF THERE'S NOBLES LIKE YOU AND THAT GIRL OUT THERE THEN....

SWISH..
SWISH
SWISH
DID YOU SEE IT? THE PRINCESS SWORD-FIGHT
IT WAS MAGNIFI-CENT
YEAH...
....WHAT?
AND YET
SO IS HIS HEIGHT
HIS VOICE IS THE SAME

YOU KNOW, I LOVE BEING THE "WINNER"!
HE ACTS JUST LIKE A KID..
WIPE
IN ORDER TO FEEL THAT JOY
BUT THIS DESIRE IS SERIOUSLY BOTHERSOME
BUT YOU KNOW
THERE'S A "WINNER" ONLY IF THERE IS A CONTEST OF SOME SORT
I HAVE TO KEEP ON FIGHTING FOREVER

MY OPPONENTS
THEY DON'T EXIST...
THERE WERE NO KIDS MY AGE THAT COULD STAND ON MY LEVEL....
EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE, I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED
ポス
GET TO THE POINT-
IN DESPERATION, I TRIED GOING UP AGAINST ADULTS BUT...
SOON EVEN ADULTS WERE NO MATCH FOR ME AND BEGAN AVOIDING ME

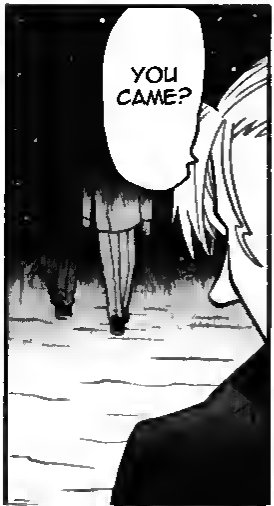
DUEL WITH ME
W-WHY DO I HAVE TO DUEL WITH YOU?!
YOU KNOW WHO I AM
EVEN MARQUESS HORST CAN'T PROTECT THE LEADER OF THIS UPRISING
AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE SECTION ONE'S TORTURE

AHH...
IF I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, I WOULDN'T HAVE SHOWED UP AT ALL...
!
!!!!

WHAT?! I CAN'T PULL THE TRIGGER
!?
GU
GU
GUAAAA
MY FINGER...
THAT'S

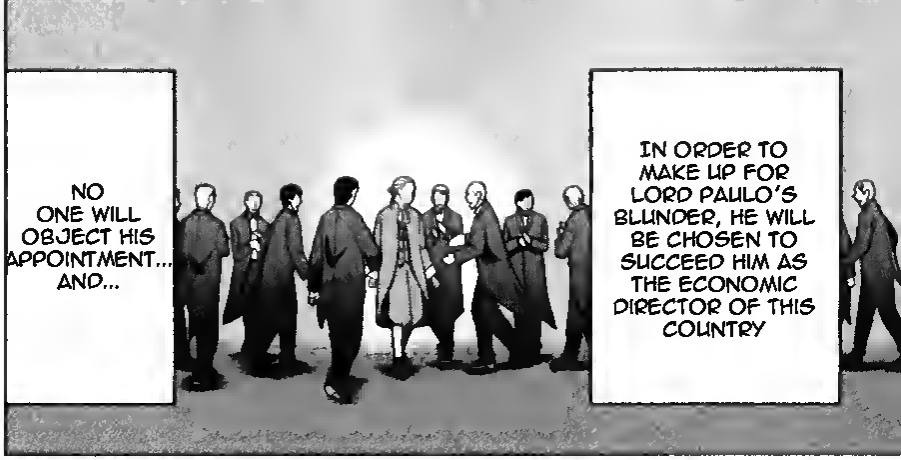
THAT WAS QUITE... THRILLING
THANK YOU
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN...
DAMNIT WHY?!
RIGHT NOW... HE....

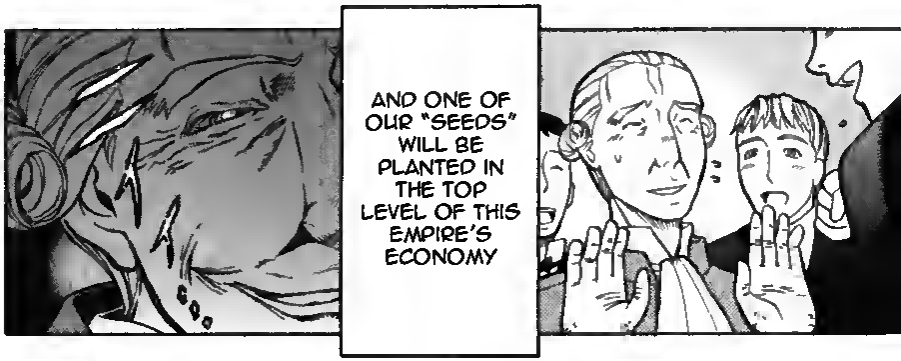
SIGHED...
JUST...
THAT BASTARD...

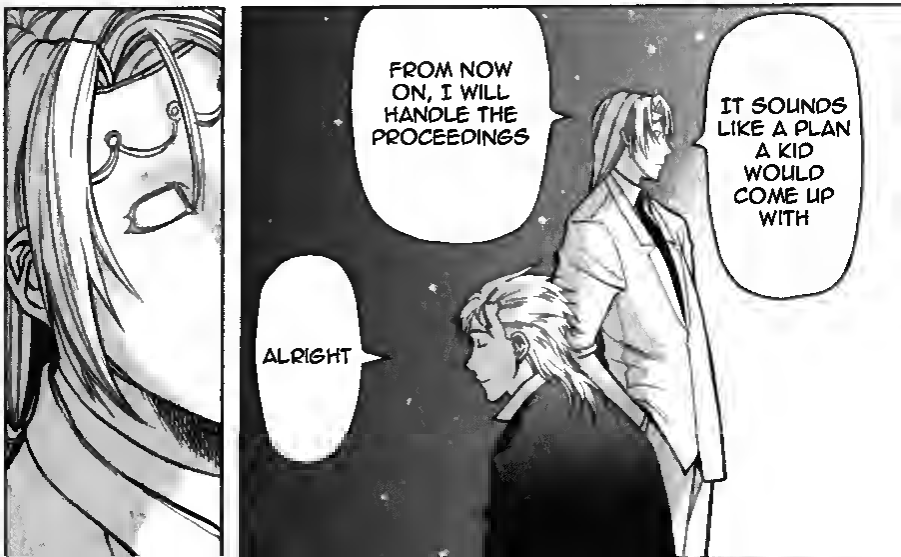

YOU CAME?

PLEASE DISPOSE OF THAT CORPSE

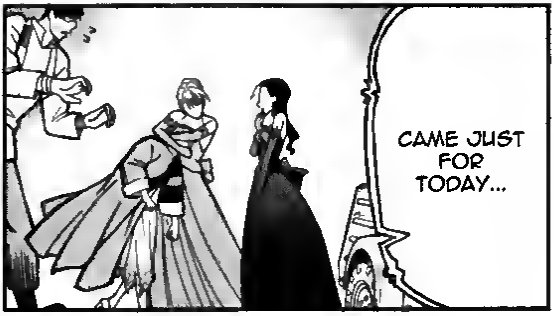
WITHOUT OUR HELP?
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO GET OUT OF THIS RIOT
I THOUGHT I'D AT LEAST BE ABLE TO HOLD ON TO LORD HORST
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A THRILLING MATCH... WELL
"WITHOUT CONSULTING ANY OF THE OTHER OFFICIALS, EVERYONE WILL COME TO RELY ON LORD HORST FOR SUPPORT"
"AFTER THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL, HORST WILL REGRETTABLY REPORT THE FATE OF THIS COMMONER"


NO ONE WILL OBJECT HIS APPOINTMENT... AND...
IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR LORD PAULO'S BLUNDER, HE WILL BE CHOSEN TO SUCCEED HIM AS THE ECONOMIC DIRECTOR OF THIS COUNTRY

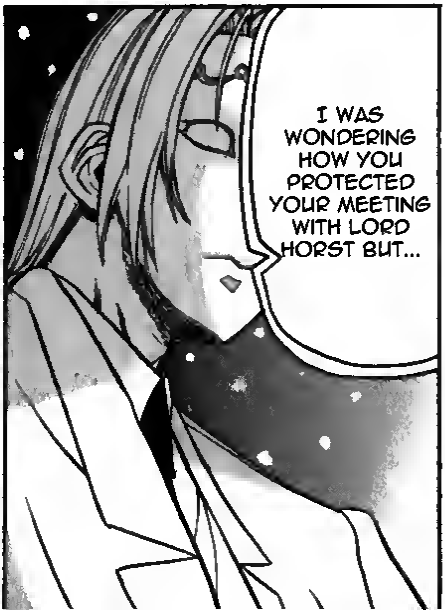

AND ONE OF OUR "SEEDS" WILL BE PLANTED IN THE TOP LEVEL OF THIS EMPIRE'S ECONOMY


FROM NOW ON, I WILL HANDLE THE PROCEEDINGS
IT SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN A KID WOULD COME UP WITH
ALRIGHT

THE PRINCESS THAT REFUSES TO ATTEND EVERY YEAR
TODAY WAS A SURPRISING DAY


CAME JUST FOR TODAY...

IT LOOKS LIKE MY FEARS WERE GROUND-LESS


I WAS WONDERING HOW YOU PROTECTED YOUR MEETING WITH LORD HORST BUT...

PLEASE STOP ASSOCIATING WITH THE THIRD IMPERIAL PRINCESS FROM HERE ON OUT
KUKU KU
AHA-HA-HAA-HAH
SINCE A SON WAS BORN, WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY USE FOR HER
AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE
AHAHAHA-HAHAHA-HAH!
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING ABOUT YOU BASTARD!

JUST WHO WAS THE PERSON THAT WAS ABLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT INCURRING A SINGLE CASUALTY?
A VERY TRAGIC EVENT OCCURED AT THE CAPITAL
EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED IT

MAY NO LONGER BE THAT OF THE SUCCESSOR OF ONE OF THE THIRTEEN NOBLE FAMILIES
THAT PRINCESS' EXISTENCE
I FOUND
AN OPPONENT I CAN PLAY WITH WHO WON'T BREAK
I FEEL LIKE I FINALLY FOUND IT...

A LIONESS!!
MY EQUAL
OK
LET'S GO GURAN
.....
SERVE UNDER THE SILVER WHEEL
ALL OF US

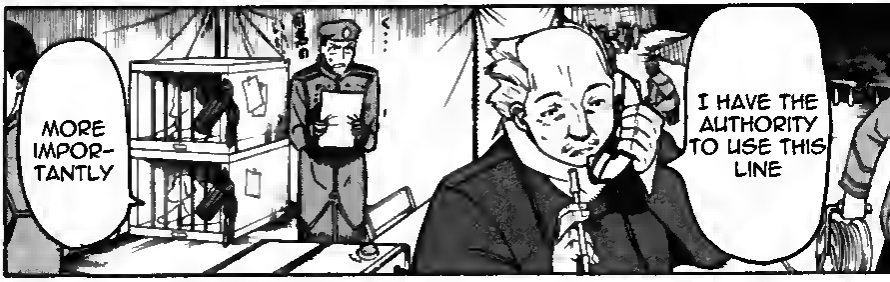
GURAN
YES?
IT LOOKS LIKE SECTION 3 SHOWED UP
YES... BUT WITH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY HAVE
I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D BE ABLE TO CALM DOWN THAT MOB
THOSE GUYS SHOWED UP DURING THE SEWER SYSTEM INCIDENT AS WELL...
IMPERIAL ARMY SECTION 3 PUMPKIN SCISSORS!...
MMM..

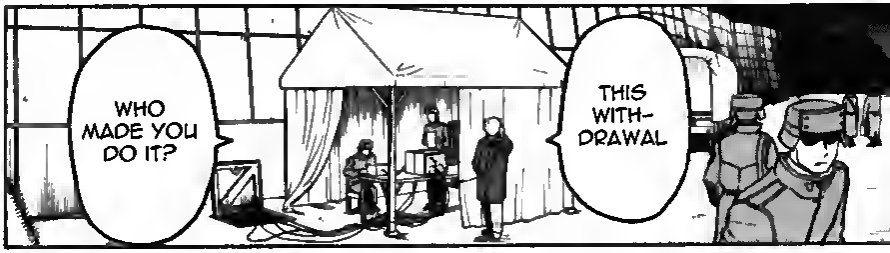
INFORMATION DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS ROOM
YES...NO
UNDERSTOOD
I'LL
WITHDRAW THE TROOPS
YOU LOOK TROU-BLED SIR
CONTINUE MONITORING ALL CHANNELS OF COMMUNI-CATION GOING OUT OF THE COUNTRY
WAIT FOR INSTRUC-TIONS VIA MESS-NEGER DOG*
"ALL UNITS ARE TO STAY ON ALERT"
RELAY THIS MESSAGE TO THE STATION NEAR THE BALL!

IT WAS A DIRECT CALL FROM CAPTAIN GARCIM...
IT SEEMED TO BE A REQUEST FROM LORD HORST
HE EVEN USED THE TELEGRAPH LINES FOR IT...
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TONIGHT
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT OVERTHINK-ING IT?

I'VE CONFIRMED THE SEAL ON THESE DOCUMENTS
THE SEALS ARE ALL AUTHENTIC... THIS REALLY IS FROM THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
I SEE
TO THINK SOMEONE WOULD BE ABLE TO STEAL DOCUMENTS FROM THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T THINK I'M THINKING ENOUGH ABOUT IT
AND THEY'VE ALREADY RELEASED THOSE ARRESTED..
I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR THIS CASE GOES
THERE MUST BE SOME CLUES SOMEWHERE....
U...UM MAJOR!
THERE'S A MES-SAGE FROM LINE 8

YO
HANKS ?!
WHY ARE YOU OVER THERE? !


I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO USE THIS LINE
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY


THIS WITH-DRAWAL
WHO MADE YOU DO IT?

I DON'T KNOW
AND I HAVE NO REASON TO TELL YOU EITHER!
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LAST NIGHT SECTION THREE WAS DISTRIBUTING FOOD
AND THEN THANKS TO A SUDDEN CALL FROM THE WELFARE GROUP THAT WAS ORGANIZING THIS, WE SUDDENLY HAD TO MOVE LOCATIONS
...? WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTER TO THAT WELFARE GROUP IS
MARQUESS NICHELLE HORST
WASN'T HE AT THE BALL TODAY?
THE ORDER TO WITHDRAW CAME FROM CAPTAIN GARCIM
THE CAPTAIN AND HORST HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WHO PLAY CHESS REGULARLY FOR 20 YEARS

HMPH!
IT SEEMS LIKE
A HUGE BUG HAS GOTTEN IN
#14/END

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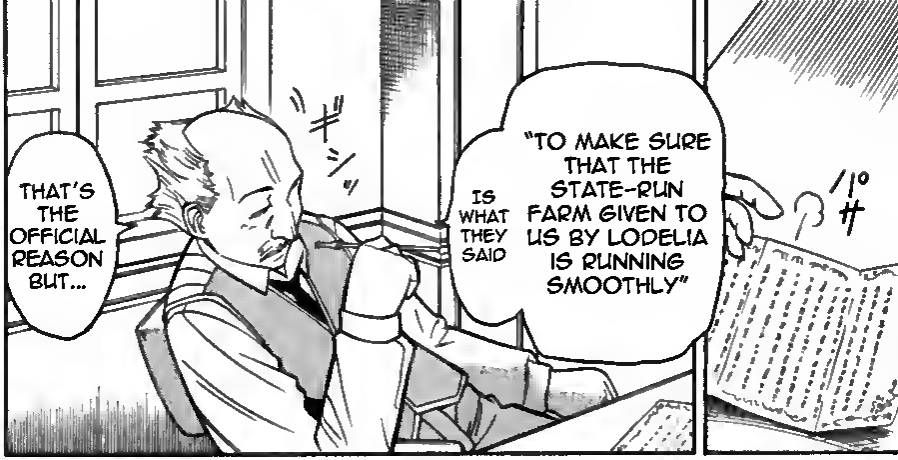
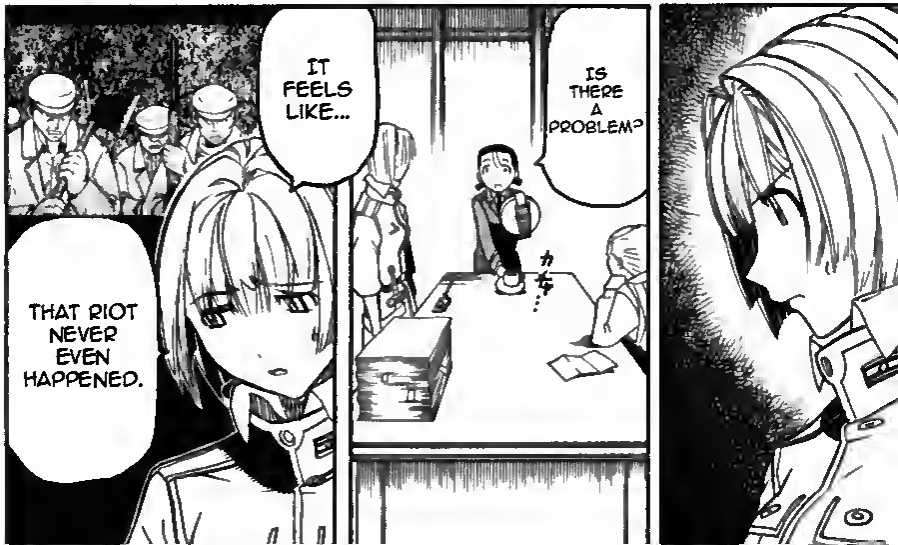
LODELIA'S IMPERIAL CASTLE: CHATEAU DE LEZAN DOU CREPUSCULE (CASTLE OF THE TWILIGHT GRAPES)
IS...
WHAT YOU TOLD ME TRUE OLD MAN?
THERE'S NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE BUT...
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE
KU KU KU

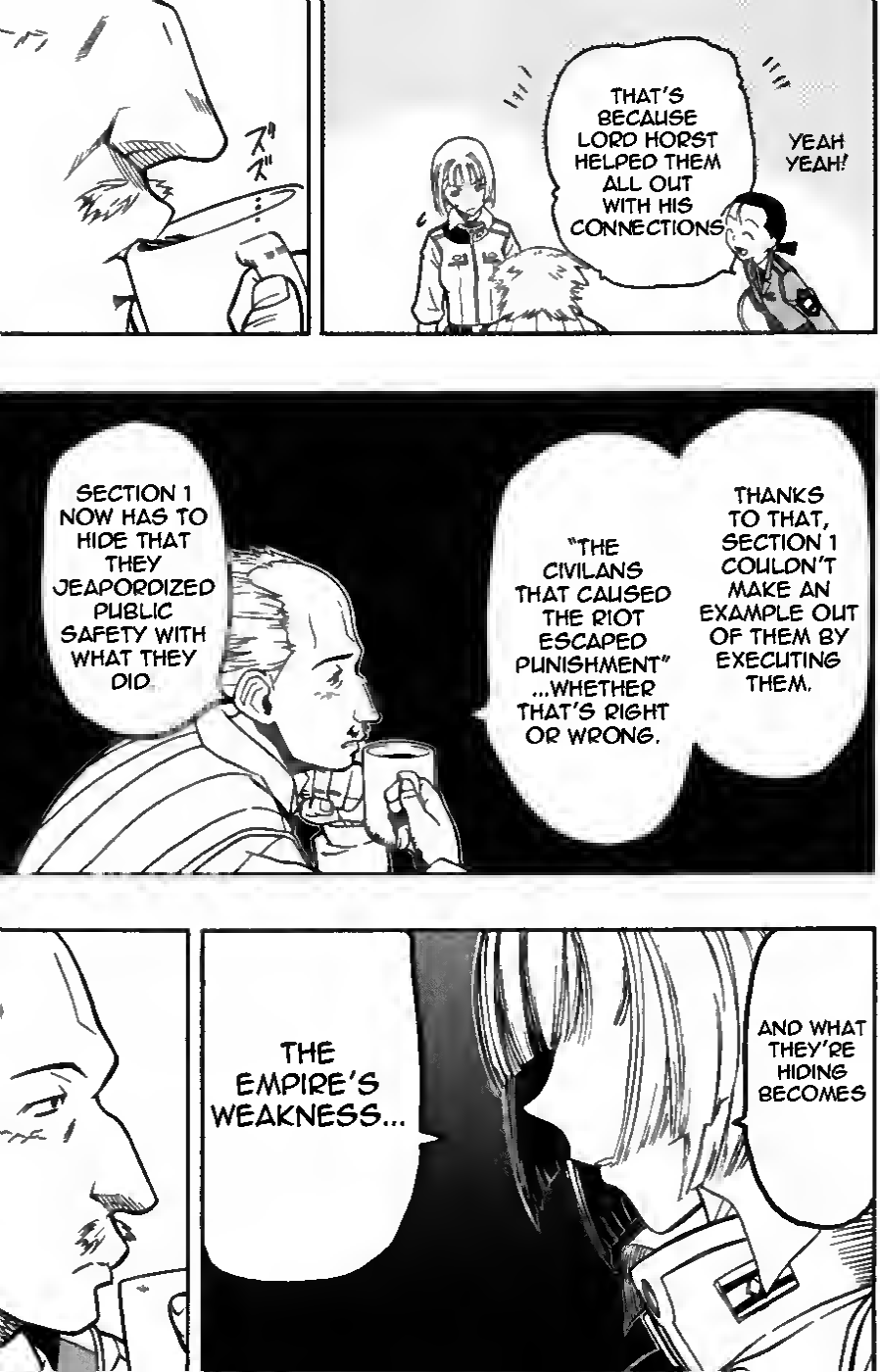
THE UNFORGETTABLE PRINCESS

ALICE-SAN, IS THE PRINCESS SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
SHE'S DISTANTLY RELATED TO MY GRAND-FATHER, SO I'VE MET HER A FEW TIMES BUT...
PRIN-CESS ?
SETTIEME LODELIA! THERE'S ONLY ONE PRINCESS FROM THAT COUNTRY YOU KNOW?!
SHE'S A STRANGE BUT SMART PERSON
BY THE TIME SHE WAS 3, SHE ALREADY KNEW WORDS FROM 4 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES
AND SHE EXPERIENCED SOMETHING SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET.
IT'S THANKS TO THAT MEMORY THAT SHE WAS HIDDEN AWAY FROM PEOPLE, INCLUDING ME, FOR A FEW YEARS
IT FEELS AS IF I JUST MET HER YESTERDAY...
HER REASON FOR VISITING IS PROBABLY


"TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STATE-RUN FARM GIVEN TO US BY LODELIA IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY"
IS WHAT THEY SAID
THAT'S THE OFFICIAL REASON BUT...

THEIR REAL GOAL IS PROBABLY
BRINGING BACK THE IMPERIAL GUARDS.


IS THERE A PROBLEM?
IT FEELS LIKE...
THAT RIOT NEVER EVEN HAPPENED.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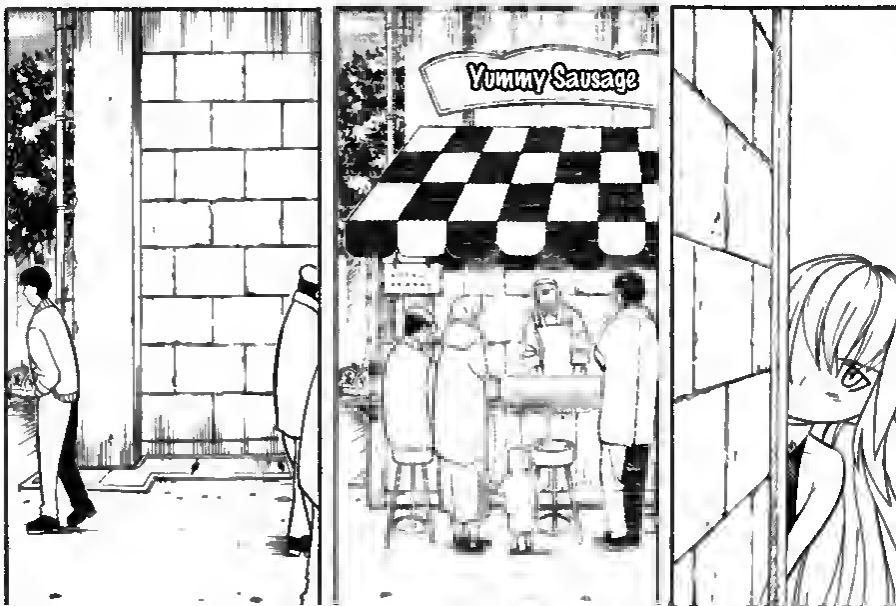
THAT'S BECAUSE LORD HORST HELPED THEM ALL OUT WITH HIS CONNECTIONS.
YEAH YEAH!
SECTION 1 NOW HAS TO HIDE THAT THEY JEAPORDIZED PUBLIC SAFETY WITH WHAT THEY DID.
"THE CIVILANS THAT CAUSED THE RIOT ESCAPED PUNISHMENT" ...WHETHER THAT'S RIGHT OR WRONG.
THANKS TO THAT, SECTION 1 COULDN'T MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF THEM BY EXECUTING THEM.
THE EMPIRE'S WEAKNESS...
AND WHAT THEY'RE HIDING BECOMES

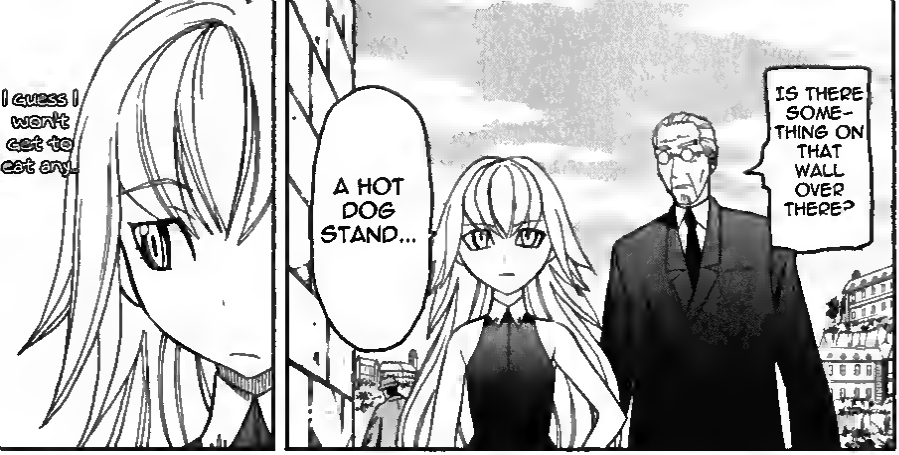
YOUR FACE TELLS ME YOU THINK IT'S YOUR FAULT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, THE DECISION TO COVER IT UP WAS MADE BY SECTION 1.
WELL IT'S TRUE THAT THEY'RE DOING IT FOR SELFISH REASONS BUT...
EVERYONE THERE WISHED FOR AN EASY CONCLUSION TO THAT AFFAIR.
HOWEVER, THERE'S JUST ONE LOOSE END THAT WE CAN'T TIE UP.
THE FOREIGN IMPERIAL SOLDIERS
WE DON'T REALLY HAVE THE POWER TO SILENCE THEM.
THEY CAN SAY WHATEVER THEY WANT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY...
SO SHE CAME TO MEET WITH THEM... IS THAT HOW IT IS?

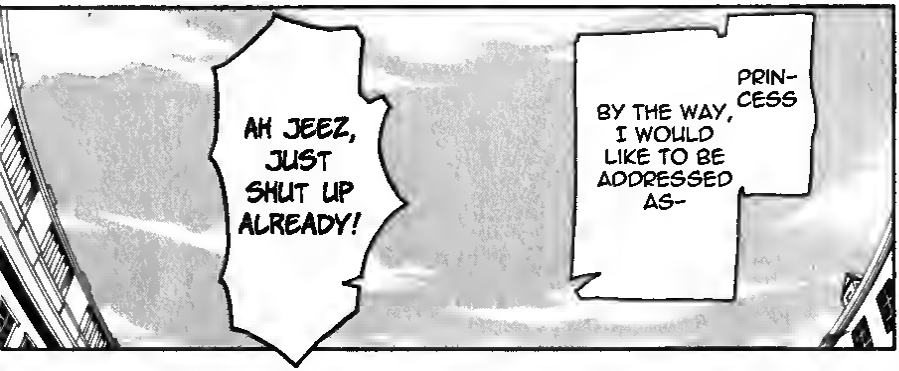
SHE WANTS TO DISCOVER THE EMPIRE'S WEAKNESS?!
PRIN-CESS
I KNOW

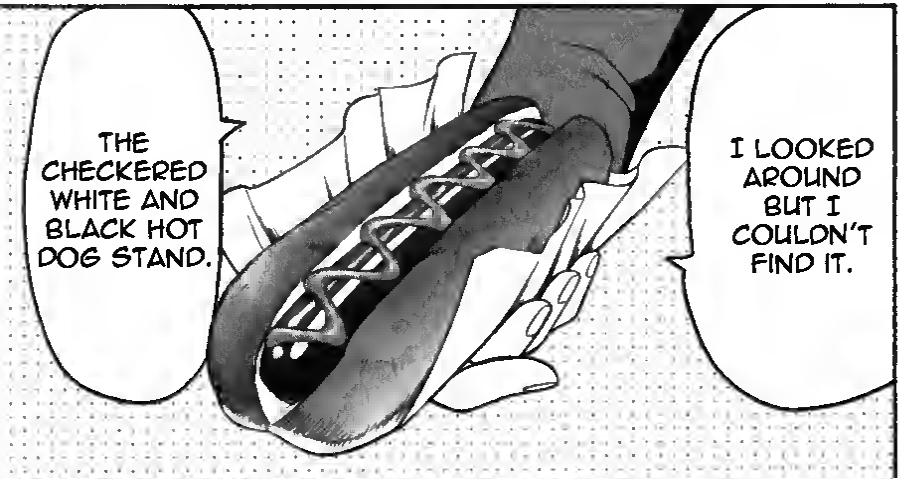
YOU'VE SAID THAT 4 TIMES NOW
THIS IS A TOP SECRET MISSION!
WE MUST STAY HIDDEN!

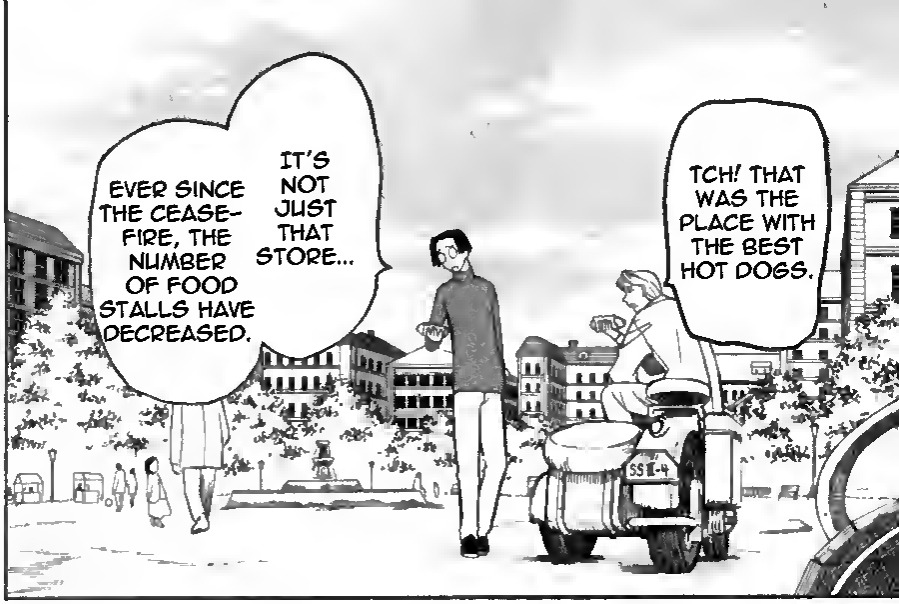
YOU'VE SAID THAT 13 TIMES.
IN ORDER TO CIRCUMVENT YOUR BROTHER AND SISTER!!
WE MUST LEARN ABOUT THE EMPIRE'S WEAKNESS!

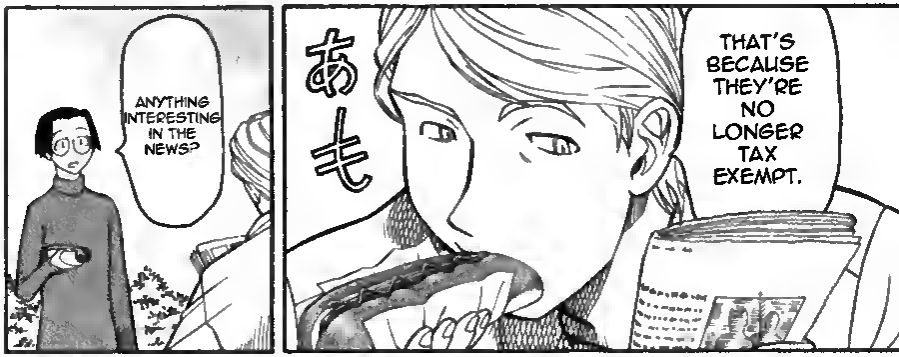

Yummy Sausage


I guess I won't eat to eat any...
A HOT DOG STAND...
IS THERE SOME-THING ON THAT WALL OVER THERE?


AH JEEZ, JUST SHUT UP ALREADY!
BY THE WAY, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDRESSED AS-
PRIN-CESS


THE CHECKERED WHITE AND BLACK HOT DOG STAND.
I LOOKED AROUND BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT.


EVER SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE, THE NUMBER OF FOOD STALLS HAVE DECREASED.
IT'S NOT JUST THAT STORE...
TCH! THAT WAS THE PLACE WITH THE BEST HOT DOGS.


ANYTHING INTERESTING IN THE NEWS?
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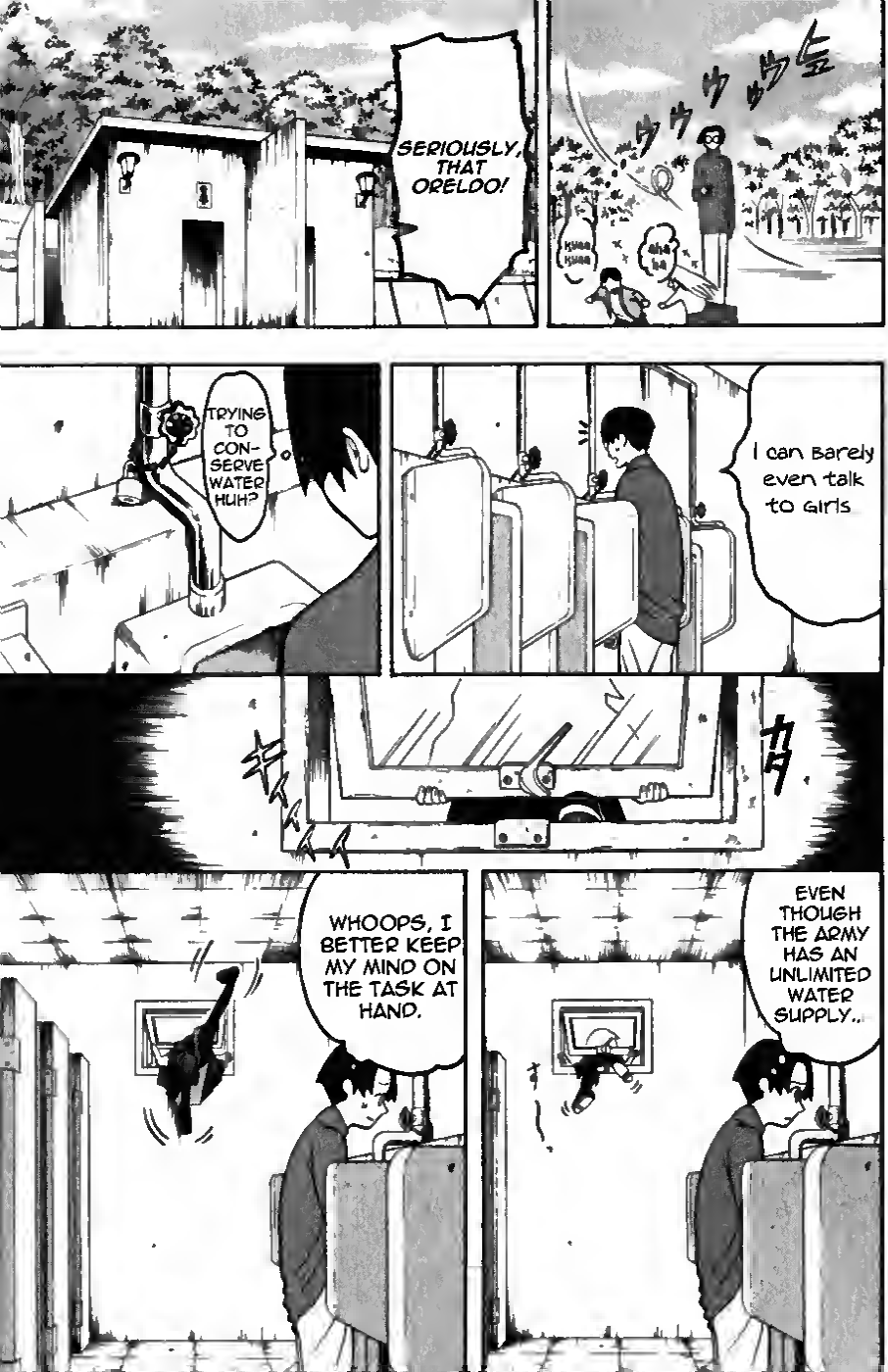
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE NO LONGER TAX EXEMPT.

SECTION 1 DID A GOOD JOB AS ALWAYS OF COVERING IT UP...
Surrender
JUST A SMALL STORY ABOUT PAULO'S SURRENDER.

I GUESS
JUST FORGET ABOUT WORK FOR A WHILE!
WE'VE FINALLY GOTTEN OUR PAYCHECKS.
AHH, HE'S PROBABLY RELAXING RIGHT NOW.
IT'S GOOD THAT THE CORPORAL IS RECOVERING BUT...

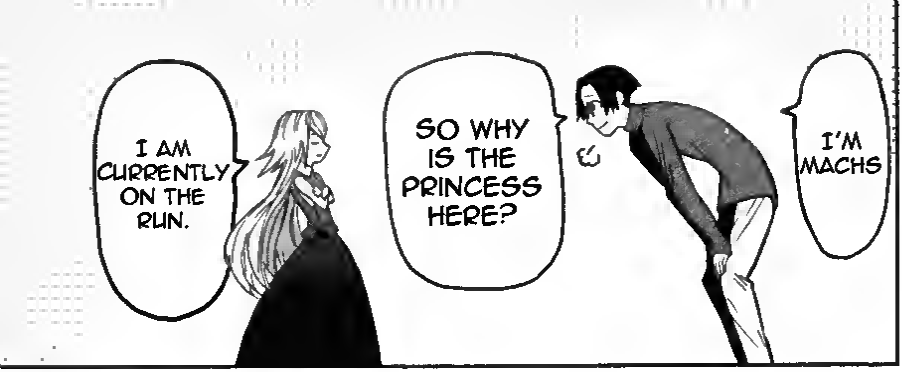
Wait! T-This is my first time riding one of these!
THAT'S RIGHT! FOR SOLDIERS, REST IS A NECESSITY!
I MET HER WHILE YOU WERE OUT RUNNING ERRANDS.
ORELDO?
FUFU THANK YOU
Hahaha, please put your bag over here.
You should have some fun with girls every now and then too!
So, that's how it is!

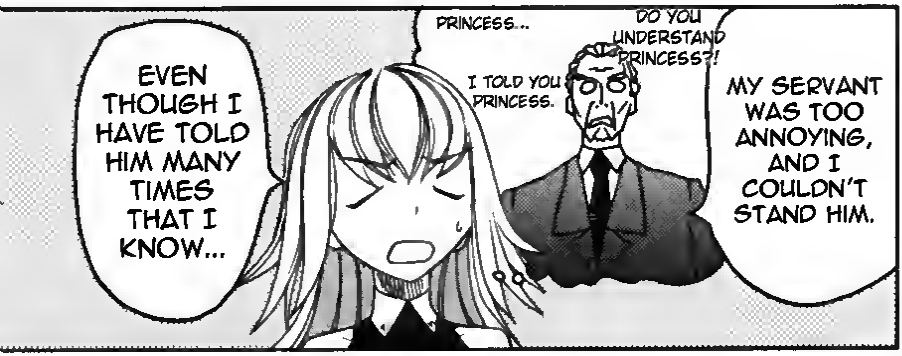

SERIOUSLY, THAT ORELDO!
KHAA KHAA
TRYING TO CON-SERVE WATER HUH?
I can barely even talk to girls
WHOOPS, I BETTER KEEP MY MIND ON THE TASK AT HAND.
EVEN THOUGH THE ARMY HAS AN UNLIMITED WATER SUPPLY..

SO THIS WAS A PLEBIAN'S BATHROOM.
OH

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN A PLEBIAN'S BODY.
AAH, PLEASE CONTINUE
A PLEBIAN'S DONGITO
YOU REALLY HAVE TO COORDINATE IT ALL HUH...
WHO ARE YOU?!

WHO YOU ASK?
THERE'S NO NEED TO GIVE MY NAME TO A PLEBIAN SUCH AS YOU...
INTER-ESTING!
I AM CALLED SETTIEME!!
7TH IN LINE TO LODELIA'S IMPERIAL THRONE!!
AH GOOD WATER'S COMING OUT
DO YOU NOT BELIEVE ME?!
YEAH YEAH

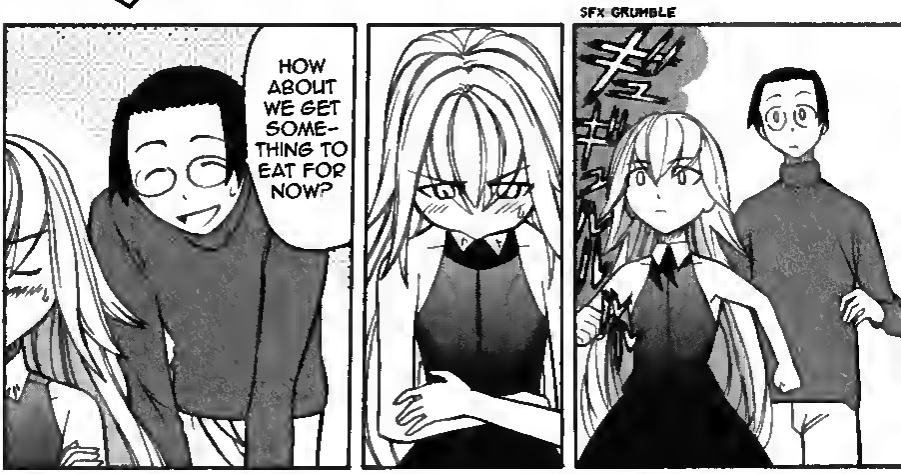

I AM CURRENTLY ON THE RUN.
SO WHY IS THE PRINCESS HERE?
I'M MACHS


EVEN THOUGH I HAVE TOLD HIM MANY TIMES THAT I KNOW...
PRINCESS...
I TOLD YOU PRINCESS.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND PRINCESS?!
MY SERVANT WAS TOO ANNOYING, AND I COULDN'T STAND HIM.

ANY-WAYS
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
HE TOOK A KID INSIDE WITH HIM..
IS IT A PERVERT?! AAH

HER CLOTHING'S CERTAINLY HIGH CLASS...
AT THE VERY LEAST, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT SHE'S RICH.

I GUESS I SHOULD TAKE HER TO THE POLICE FOR NOW...
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR SERVANT IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
!!!
IT IS BETTER TO JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE
IN THE FIRST PLACE!


HOW ABOUT WE GET SOME-THING TO EAT FOR NOW?
SFX: GRUMBLE

Are you talking about the white and black checkered one?
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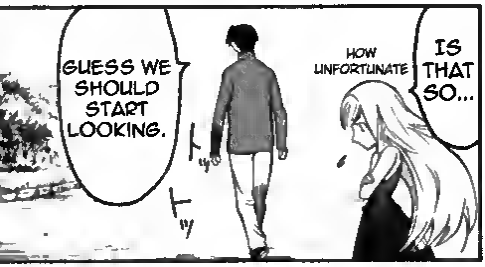
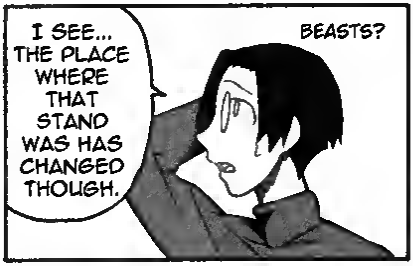
FOR A LADY LIKE YOU TO GO TO A HOT DOG STAND WOULD BE A BIT...
COME TO THINK OF IT

Wurst!
EATING WHILE TRAVELING IS SOMETHING ONLY PLEBIANS AND BEASTS DO, BUT I'M TRULY VERY INTERESTED IN TRYING IT.
IT HAD A VERY PLEASANT AROMA...
I WENT THERE ONCE BEFORE.
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

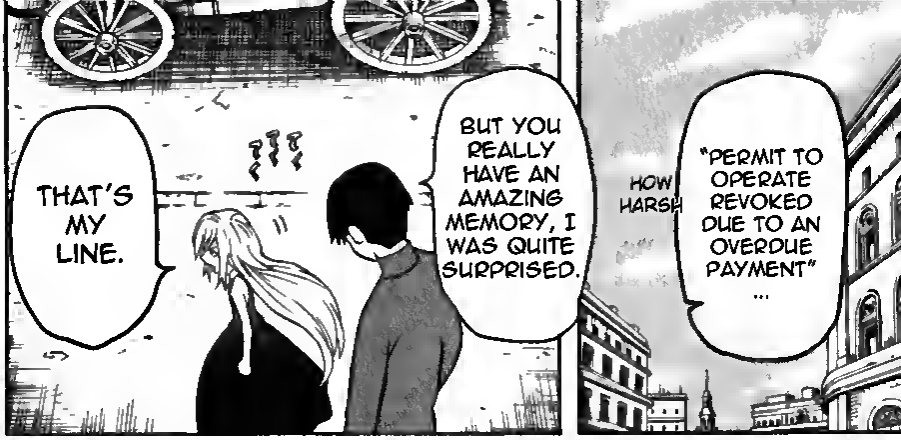

GUESS WE SHOULD START LOOKING.
HOW UNFORTUNATE
IS THAT SO...


I SEE... THE PLACE WHERE THAT STAND WAS HAS CHANGED THOUGH.
BEASTS?

YOU'RE A SOLDIER AREN'T YOU?
THAT WAY OF WALKING... MACHS

I'M AFRAID I CAN'T JUST GIVE OUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ANYONE WHO ASKS.
DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF ALL OF THE STREET VENDORS THAT OPERATE AROUND THE STATION SQUARE?
IMPERIAL CAPITAL CENTRAL TAX OFFICE
HAA.
I HEARD THAT IN THIS COUNTRY THE MILITARY HAS MORE AUTHORITY THAN THE GOVERN-
YOU SURE? MACHS IS A MILITARY OFFICER.
AH, IT'S FINE TO GIVE THEM TO HIM. THIS PERSON IS ...
AH, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP THE OTHER DAY...
WARRANT OFFICER!
WARRANT OFFICER MACHS!

IMPERIAL ARMY SECTION 3'S WARRANT OFFICER MACHS.
HE'S HELPED ME OUT WITH TAX COLLECTION BEFORE.
A... HOT DOG STAND?
THE ROTATION FOR THE STATION SQUARE GOT ALL MIXED UP...
IT'S ONLY RECORDS FROM THE PAST, BUT YOU HAVE OVER 400 RIGHT?
3 YEARS AGO, ON MARCH 17TH AT 2:20 PM!
BEHIND THE BUILDING ON THE WEST BANK!
LOOK THROUGH THE RECORDS FROM THAT TIME.
IF YOU DO THAT, WE'LL BE DONE IN NO TIME CORRECT?


"PERMIT TO OPERATE REVOKED DUE TO AN OVERDUE PAYMENT" ...
HOW HARSH
BUT YOU REALLY HAVE AN AMAZING MEMORY, I WAS QUITE SURPRISED.
THAT'S MY LINE.

IF YOU'RE FROM SECTION 3, THEN THE TAX OFFICE SHOULD KNOW OF YOU.
SO WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL THEM WHO YOU WERE?
THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU SHOULD BE USING YOUR OPPONENT'S WEAKNESSES!

USING...
THAT ISN'T SOMETHING A KID LIKE YOU SHOULD BE SAYING.
HAVE YOU SEEN LODELIA'S FLAG BEFORE?
EH? AH YEAH..

EACH ONE OF THOSE GRAPES REPRESENTS A CHILD.
THAT'S BECAUSE LODELIA IS FAMOUS FOR THEIR WINE RIGHT?
HAHA
IT'S A GRAPEVINE RIGHT?
THE STRONGEST ONE REMAINING GETS TO INHERIT THE THRONE AND RULE THE COUNTRY.
IT'S AN OLD TRADITION IN LODELIA FOR THE KING TO HAVE A LOT OF CHILDREN AND THEN HAVE THEM ALL FIGHT AMONGST EACH OTHER.
THE SUNSET VINEYARD
SOMETIMES THEY EVEN RESORT TO ASSASINATION!
USING ALL SORTS OF PLOTS AND SCHEMES, THEY ALL TRY AND BEST EACH OTHER.

JUST LIKE A BUNCH OF GRAPES, THERE ARE TOWERS SCATTERED EVERYWHERE.
INSIDE THOSE TOWERS, THE CHILDREN ALL LIVE SEPERATED.
SPENDING THEIR DAYS TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO BEST THEIR SIBLINGS
ONLY DURING DINNER TIME. AND...
THE WHOLE FAMILY SEES EACH OTHER
THEY ALL...
BRING A POISON TESTER WITH THEM.

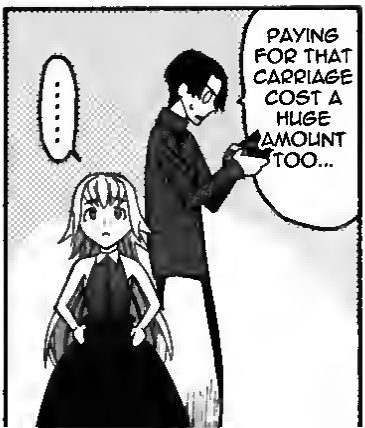
TO USE OR TO BE USED
THAT'S AN IRONCLAD RULE OF THIS WORLD!
LET'S GO MACHS
.....
LET'S GO... TO WHERE?!
THE MAN WHO RAN THAT STALL'S ADDRESS WAS WRITTEN IN THE EGISTER
WE'RE GOING TO HIS HOUSE?!
YEP!
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM ME!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE TAKING CARE OF HER...

SHE LOOKS LIKE A CHILD...
BUT HER WAY OF THINKING IS QUITE MATURE...
THAT'S RIGHT.

SHE SEEMS KIND OF LIKE
THE LIEUTENANT...

THAT WAS A RATHER LONG JOURNEY...

THIS LOOKS LIKE A RATHER FORLORN PLACE.


PAYING FOR THAT CARRIAGE COST A HUGE AMOUNT TOO...
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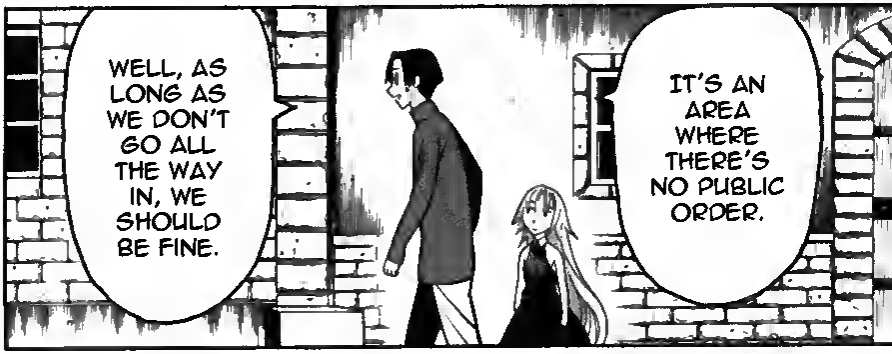
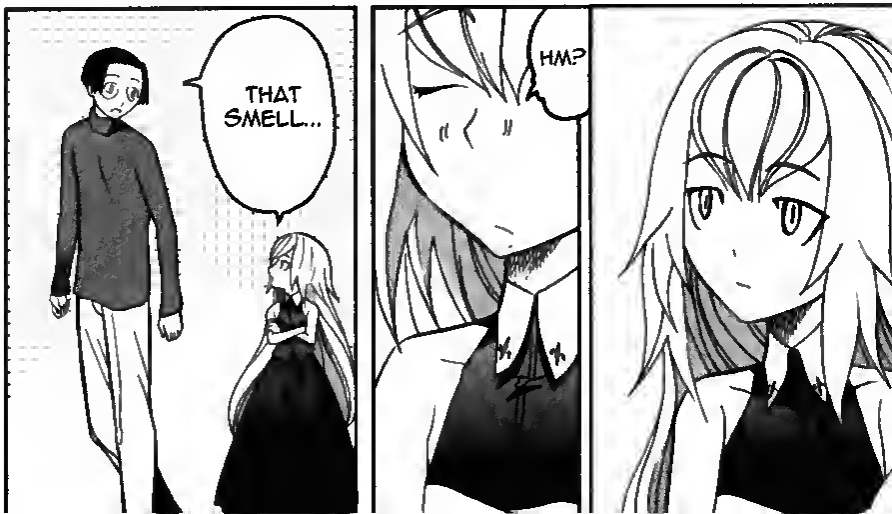
WELL... IT'S
DISTRICT ZERO?
THAT'S BECAUSE.. THIS PLACE IS CLOSE TO DISTRICT ZERO.


WELL, AS LONG AS WE DON'T GO ALL THE WAY IN, WE SHOULD BE FINE.
IT'S AN AREA WHERE THERE'S NO PUBLIC ORDER.


THAT SMELL...
HM?

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LOCKER
FOUND IT!
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY FROM THE STATION?!
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That makes me so happy. Alright! Here are your hot dogs.

Now then, let's eat!
OOOHHH!

ALONG WITH OUR POISON TESTERS...
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AH, WELL...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT?
See it's fine! It's delicious!
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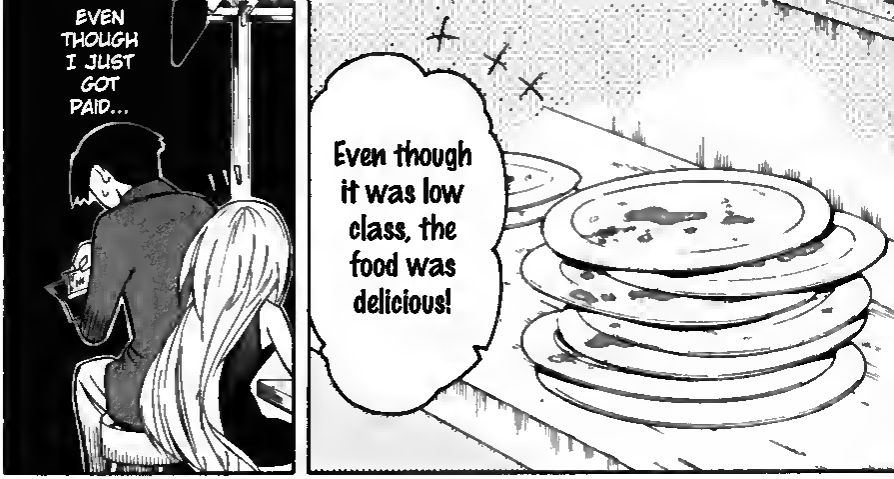
EVEN THOUGH I JUST GOT PAID...
Even though it was low class, the food was delicious!

BY THE WAY MISTER...
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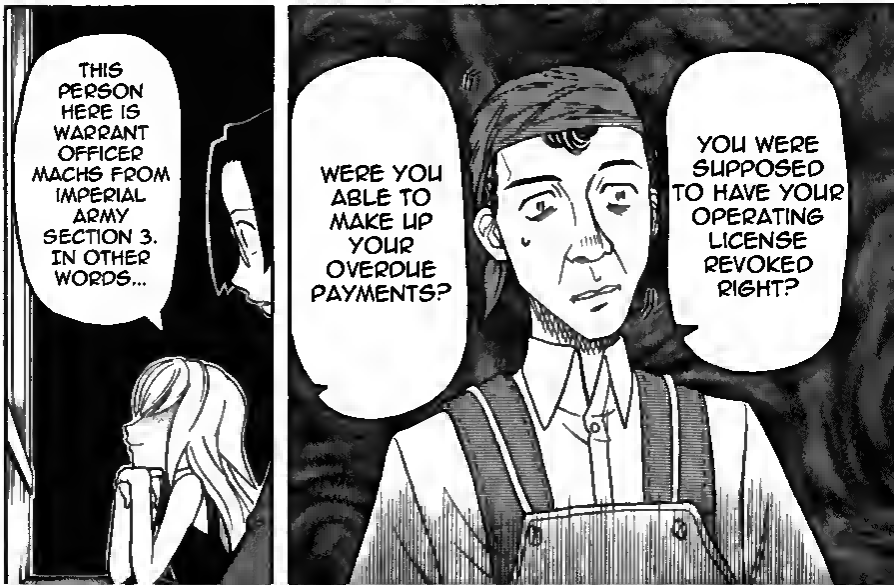
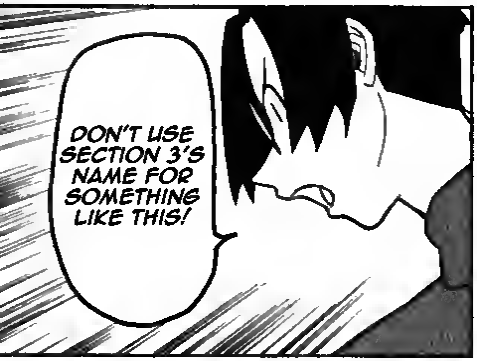
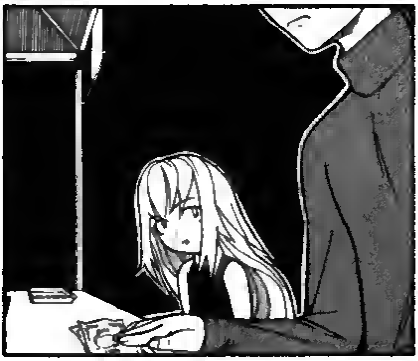

THIS PERSON HERE IS WARRANT OFFICER MACHS FROM IMPERIAL ARMY SECTION 3. IN OTHER WORDS...
WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE UP YOUR OVERDUE PAYMENTS?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE YOUR OPERATING LICENSE REVOKED RIGHT?

HE COULD ARREST YOU FOR RUNNING AN ILLEGAL BUSINESS HERE.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
ABOUT THE FOOD THAT YOU JUST GAVE US-

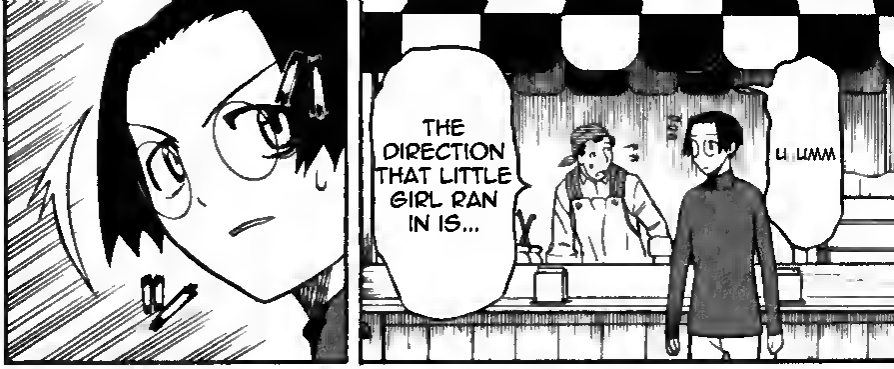

DON'T USE SECTION 3'S NAME FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!



WHERE'S THE JOY IN LEADING A LIFE LIKE THAT!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE'S WEAK-NESSES!
Wha... I am doing this for your sake!

But if you show weakness, then you're dead!
Of course there'd be no joy in something like that.
ON MY 5TH BIRTHDAY
I WAS GIVEN POISON.
BY MY FLESH AND BLOOD BROTHER AND SISTER!
THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED.
IF YOU SHOW WEAKNESS, YOU DIE.

THIS HEAD OF MINE IS UNABLE TO FORGET ANYTHING!!
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO FORGET, I CAN'T...
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
I ALWAYS REMEMBER
EVERY TIME I SIT DOWN TO EAT I REMEMBER
DAMN
SETTIEME


THE DIRECTION THAT LITTLE GIRL RAN IN IS...
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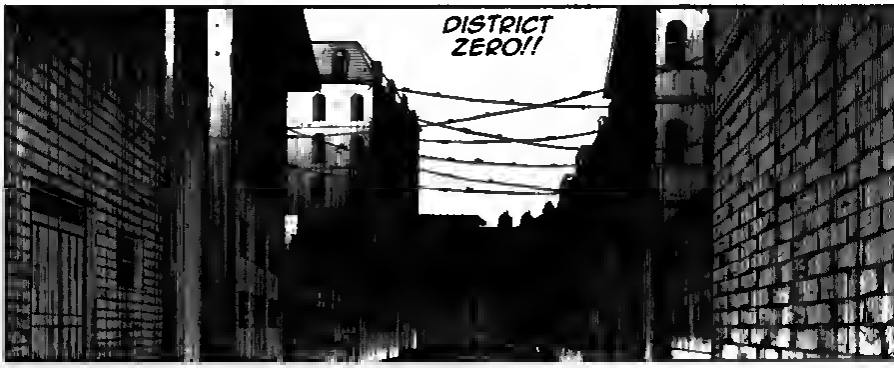
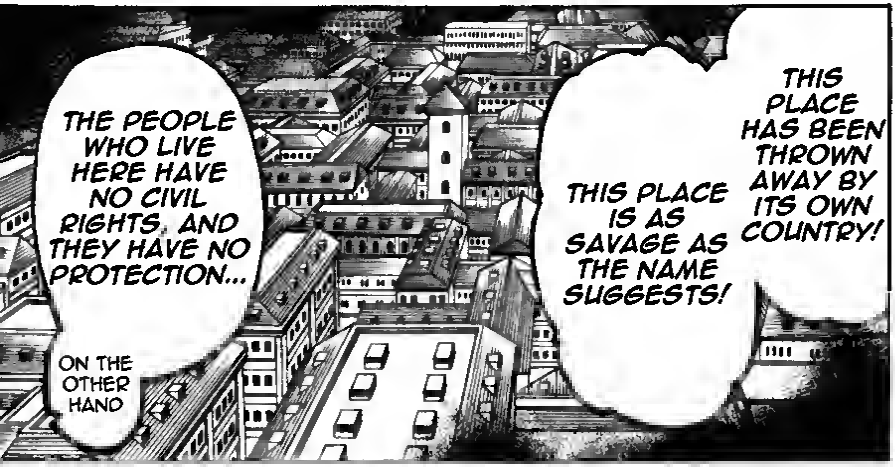

DISTRICT ZERO!!

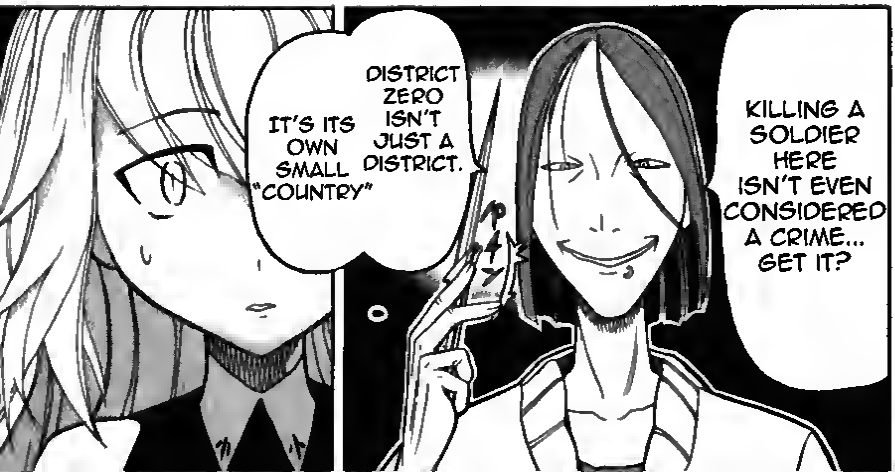
TO HAVE LOST MY COMPOSURE IN FRONT OF THAT PLEBIAN. HOW PATHETIC..
FOR SOMEONE SUCH AS ME..

HM?
I'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO EAT WELL FOR ONCE.
ケッ ケッ ケッ
OHH... NOT JUST YOUR CLOTHES, BUT YOUR HAIR IS PRETTY ELEGANT TOO.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE LODELIAN ROYAL FAMILY. THIS WILL TURN INTO AN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC ISSUE IF YOU CONTINUE, YOU KNOW?!
KU
THE PROBLEM WITH BEING HERE IS...
KUH, THESE PLEBIANS AREN'T AFRAID OF THE CONSEQUENCES?
THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO SELL YOU FOR A HIGH PRICE.
ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF SOLDIERS?
I HAVE BROUGHT A SOLDIER WITH ME.

!?
SOLDIERS DON'T COME HERE!


THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE HAVE NO CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THEY HAVE NO PROTECTION...
ON THE OTHER HAND
THIS PLACE IS AS SAVAGE AS THE NAME SUGGESTS!
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN THROWN AWAY BY ITS OWN COUNTRY!


IT'S ITS OWN SMALL "COUNTRY"
DISTRICT ZERO ISN'T JUST A DISTRICT.
KILLING A SOLDIER HERE ISN'T EVEN CONSIDERED A CRIME... GET IT?

"ORLANDO"
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL CALLED
SO WHO'S GOING TO COME SAVE YOU IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS?
MACHS!
カ!

MACHS
ARE YOU OK?!
RUN AWAY RIGHT NOW!
HURRY!!
I'm sorry
There's no strength left in my legs...
I'm sorry...
SOLDIERS DON'T COME HERE!
I'm sorry...
I GIVE UP...

YOU REALLY ARE...
JUST LIKE A PRIN-CESS.
MACHS
MACHS

Are you ok?!
MACHS

MACHS ...
IS NOT WIMPY!

IS THIS THE SOLDIER YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING SUCH A WIMPY SOLDIER!

REALLY!!

CRACK
WHA
....
EH?

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1 2 3
1 2 3
SOLDIERS ARE
DAMN
BASTARD
3
2
MARTIAL ARTISTS!!
SETTIEME!
AH... GAH...
GUU

LET'S GO
A PRINCESS?
...SHE REALLY IS
HEY, THEY'LL BE HERE SOON.
.....
SECTION3rd
CAPTAIN
A LITTLE BIT MORE, AND IT REALLY WOULD HAVE TURNED INTO AN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC ISSUE.
LOOKS LIKE IT

UNDER-STOOD PRIN-CESS?
YOU MUST LEARN ABOUT THE EMPIRE'S WEAKNESS NO MATTER WHAT.
I KNOW
EXCUSE ME
Sigh

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO RETURN LODELIA'S ROYAL GUARDS.
I'LL BE GETTING STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
WILL GREATLY BESMIRCH THE PRIDE OF LODELIA
RESTRAINING THEM ANY FURTHER
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT
ANSWER THE PRINCESS!
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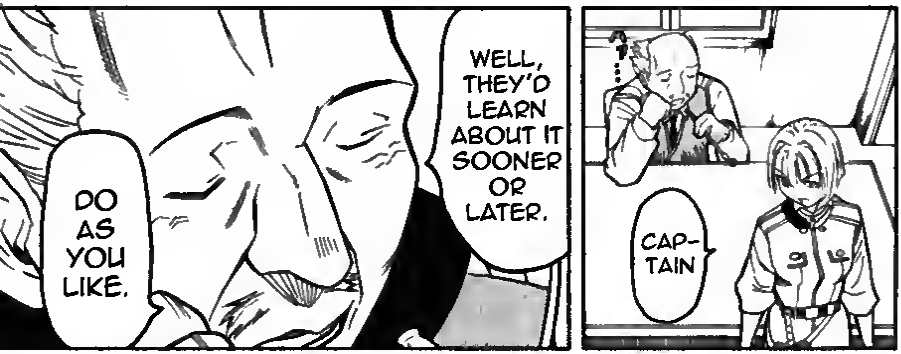
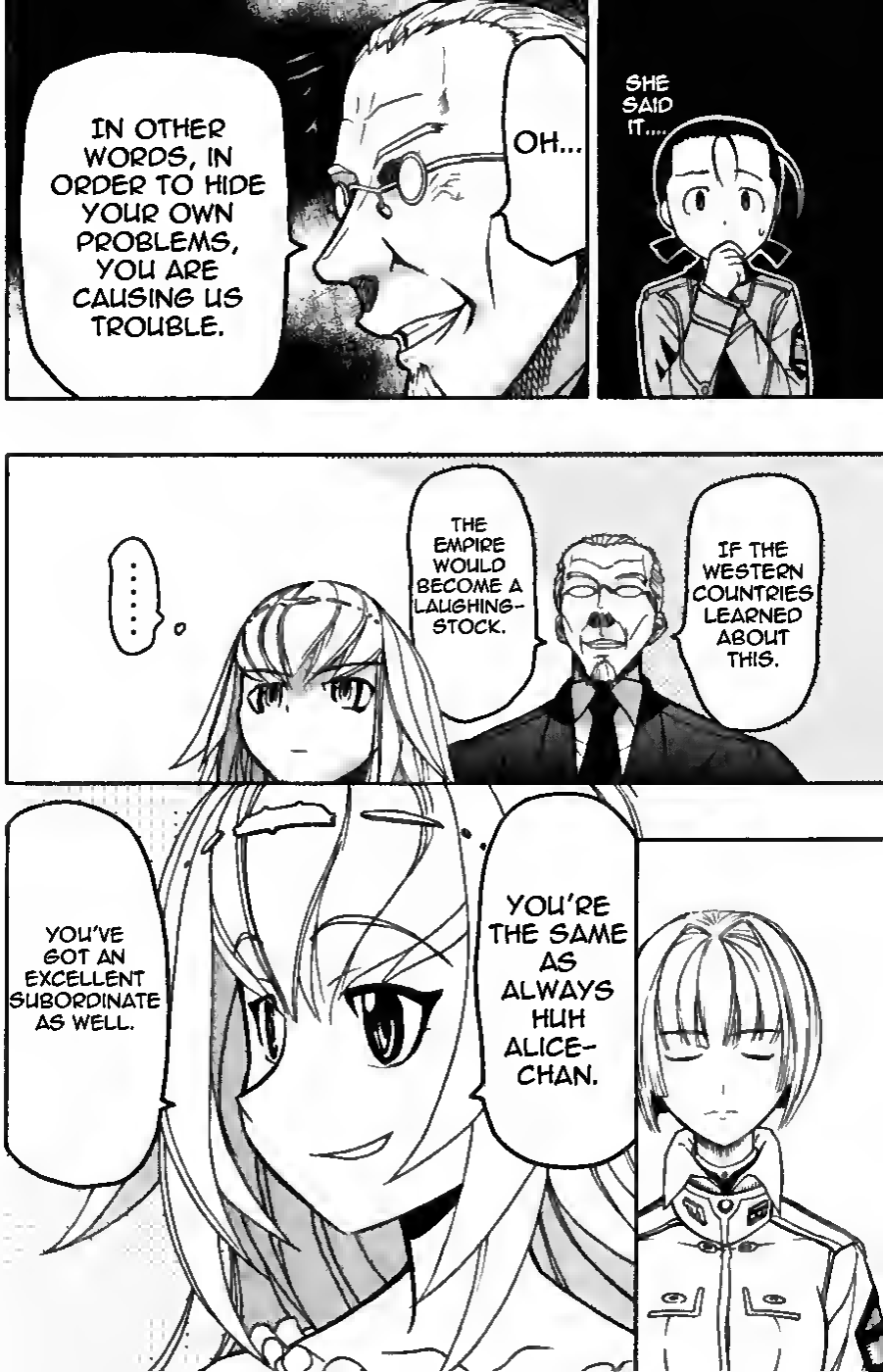
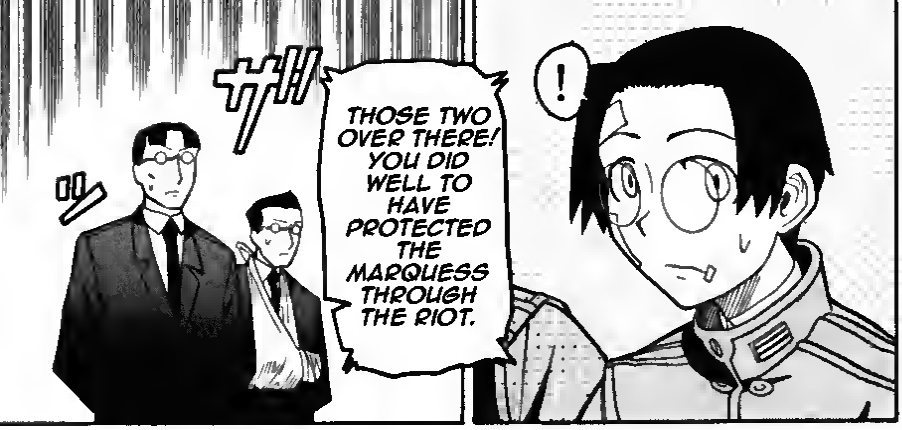
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME ALICE L MARVIN.
NOW THEN, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR ANSWER.


WELL, THEY'D LEARN ABOUT IT SOONER OR LATER.
DO AS YOU LIKE.
CAP-TAIN

CONCERNING THE SURRENDER OF LORD PAULO.
A NUMBER OF CIVILIANS ROSE UP IN A RIOT AGAINST THE NOBLES.
THE EMPIRE IS COVERING THIS UP FOR THE SAKE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.
IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT GET LEAKED, WE ARE CURRENTLY RESTRAINING THESE TWO.


IN OTHER WORDS, IN ORDER TO HIDE YOUR OWN PROBLEMS, YOU ARE CAUSING US TROUBLE.
OH...
SHE SAID IT....
IF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES LEARNED ABOUT THIS.
THE EMPIRE WOULD BECOME A LAUGHING-STOCK.
.....
YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS HUH ALICE-CHAN.
YOU'VE GOT AN EXCELLENT SUBORDINATE AS WELL.


THOSE TWO OVER THERE! YOU DID WELL TO HAVE PROTECTED THE MARQUESS THROUGH THE RIOT.
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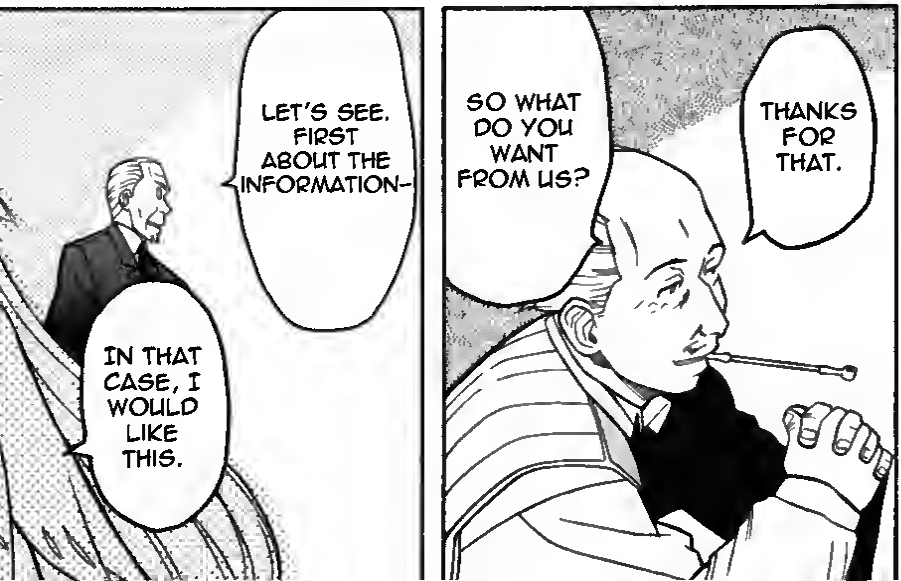
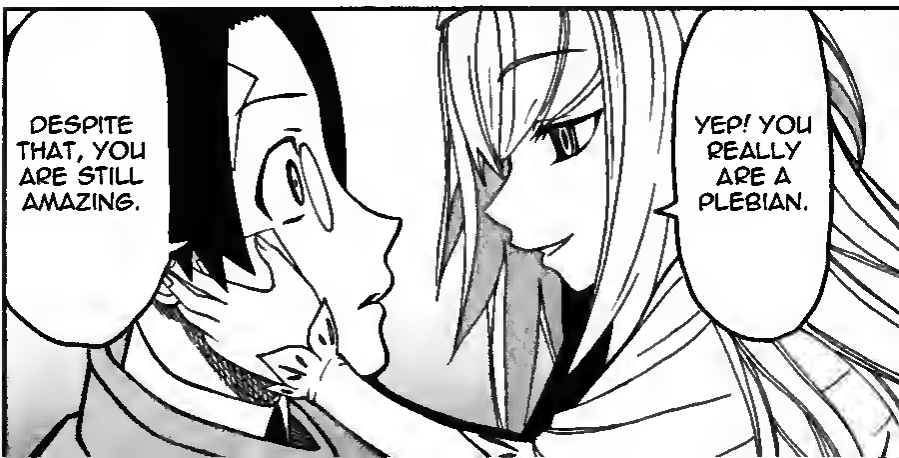
CAPTAIN HUNKS! I SWEAR BY MY NAME
THAT THIS INCIDENT WILL REMAIN SECRET.


THANKS FOR THAT.
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?
LET'S SEE. FIRST ABOUT THE INFORMATION-
IN THAT CASE, I WOULD LIKE THIS.


DESPITE THAT, YOU ARE STILL AMAZING.
YEP! YOU REALLY ARE A PLEBIAN.

FROM NOW ON, WE WILL REGULARLY VISIT THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL!!
WHEN WE DO, WE WOULD LIKE TO BORROW YOUR WARRANT OFFICER.
FOR PROTECTING THE EMPIRE'S REPUTATION
YOU WANT JUST ONE PERSON...
YOUR PRICE IS QUITE STEEP.
WE'RE LEAV-ING!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR ME...

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COME OVER HERE!
THE VIEW'S GREAT!
OLD MAN
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SULK FOR.
YOU...
rattle
rattle
rattle
rattle
HEY OLD MAN
カラ…
WERE YOU UNABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR WEAKNESS?
YOU'VE BECOME SOFT...

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR WEAKNESS IS EASY.
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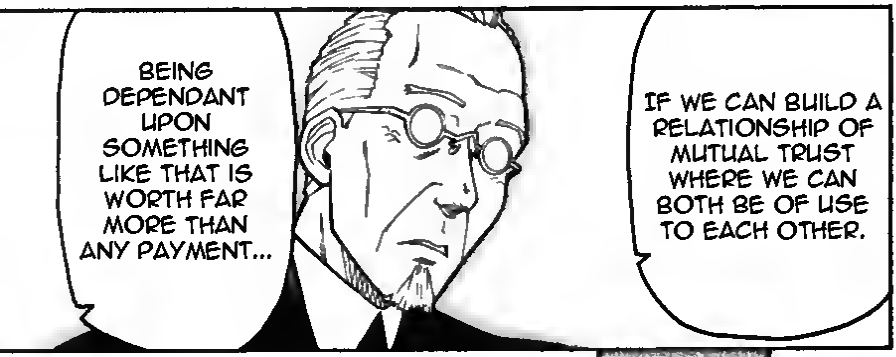
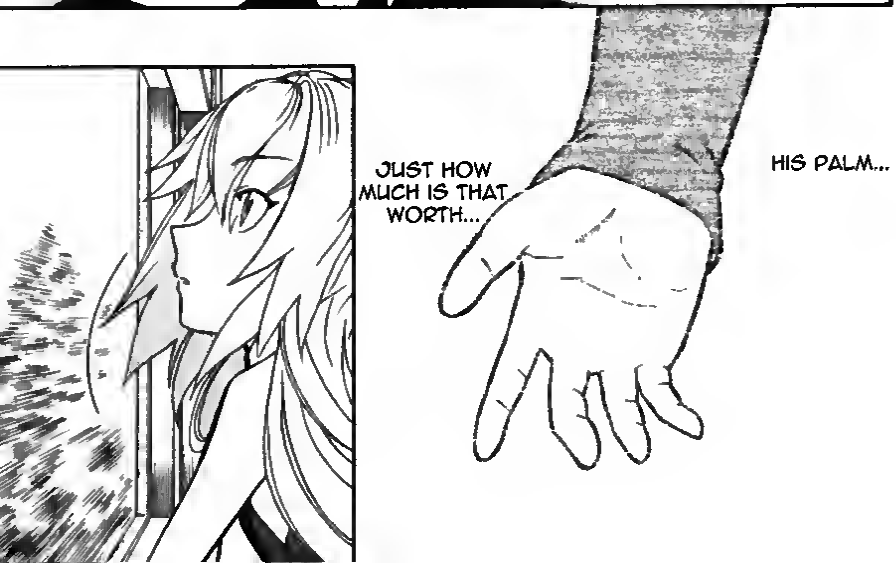
BUT BECAUSE IT'S SO EASY, I WANT SOMETHING MORE AS PAYMENT!


IF WE CAN BUILD A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST WHERE WE CAN BOTH BE OF USE TO EACH OTHER.
BEING DEPENDANT UPON SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS WORTH FAR MORE THAN ANY PAYMENT...


HIS PALM...
JUST HOW MUCH IS THAT WORTH...

"AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS"
IF WE CAN BE TIED TOGETHER BY SUCH BONDS, THEN WE WOULD NO LONGER NEED MILITARY RULE.
RELYING ON THE GOOD-WILL OF OTHERS.
IS THAT BEING TOO SOFT?
I feel a little sad now.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE.
THAT THIS OLD MAN CAN TEACH YOU.
THAT'S THAT, BUT WHAT WERE YOU THINKING, FOR YOU TO GIVE YOUR ROYAL LIPS TO SOMEONE LIKE THAT!!
IT WAS ON THE CHEEK, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
NO IT WASN'T!! I SAW IT!
THAT WAS TOTALLY ON THE MOUTH!!
WHAT EVER.
PRINCESS?!

MY HEART WAS BEATING SO FAST BACK THEN...

I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT.
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SO I HEARD THAT YOU
KISSED A GIRL MACHS.

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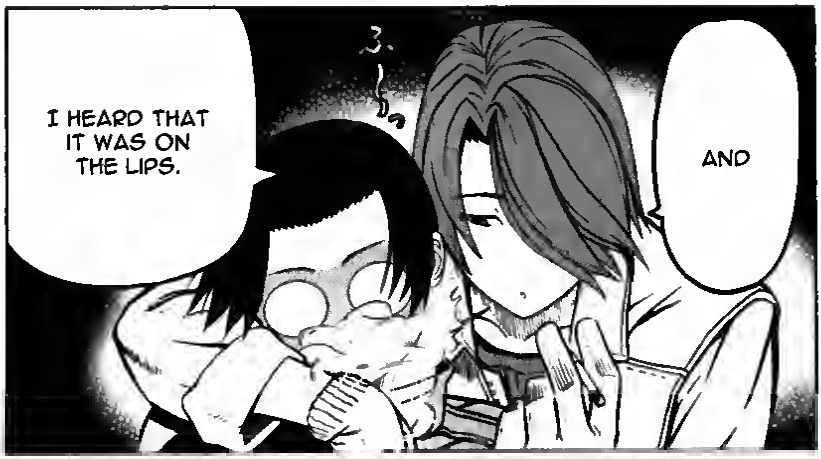
WELL THEN! I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME I TAKE MER-KUN OUT FOR A WALK!!
W-Where did you hear that from?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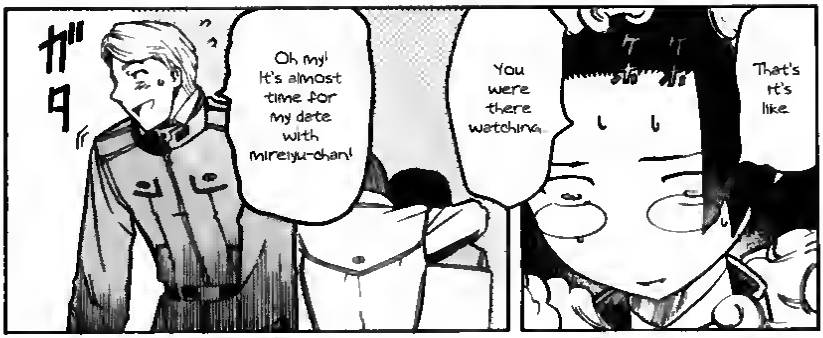
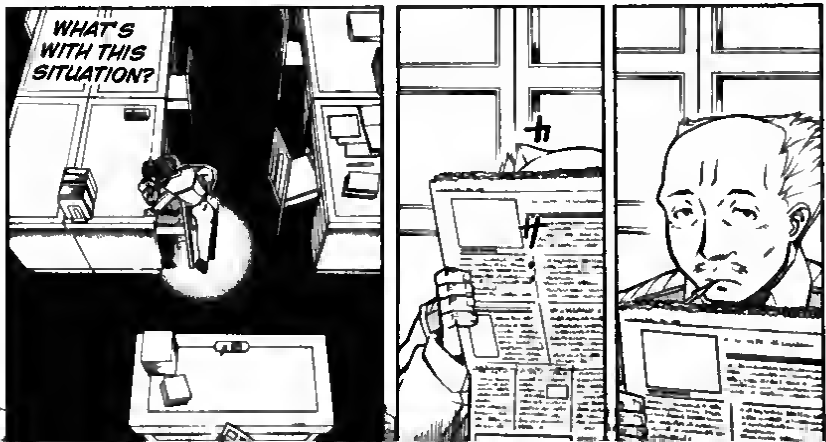

Oh my! It's almost time for my date with Mireiyu-chan!
You were there watching.
That's it's like


WHAT'S WITH THIS SITUATION?

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JUST KIDDING SORRY FOR GETTING IN YOUR WAY!
YO, MACHS.
LIEUTENANT WEBNER?

COULD YOU
COME WITH US FOR A BIT, PLEASE?
NEED HELP WITH MAINTAINENCE AGAIN?
GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
THE LIEUTENANT JUST CAME OVER.. WAIT WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE HUH?
WHAT HAPPENED DURING THOSE FEW HOURS
IS SOMETHING MACHS WON'T TELL ANYONE.
IS HE... DEAD?
ACCORDING TO ORELDO-SAN HE WAS TAUGHT TO "KNOW HIS PLACE BEFORE HE EVEN MEETS A GIRL".

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W... WHAT WAS THAT YOU BASTARD?!
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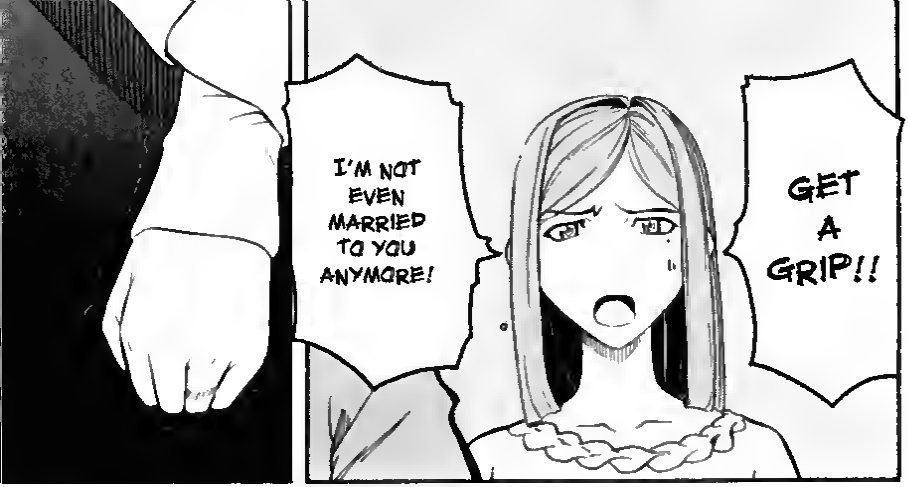
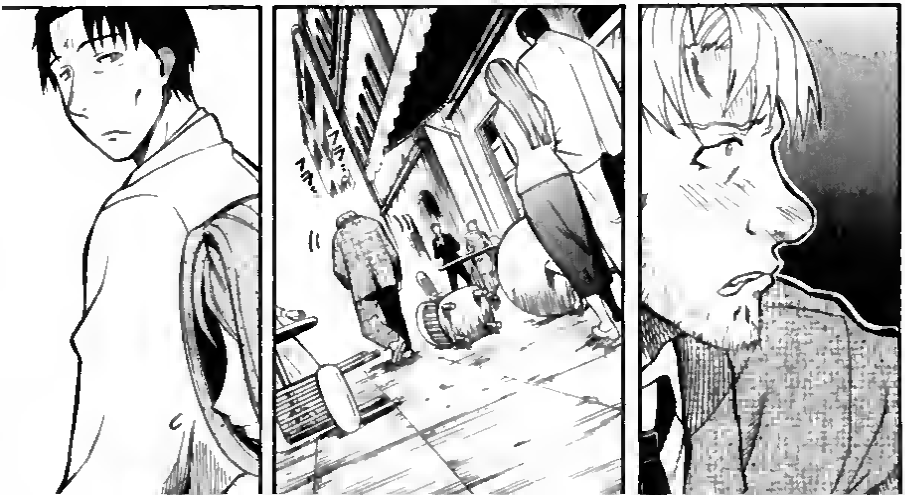
ACTING LIKE YOU'RE SOME HERO OF JUSTICE OR SOME-THING.

TL NOTE: TO NTR IS TO STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S LOVER


I'M NOT EVEN MARRIED TO YOU ANYMORE!
GET A GRIP!!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
WORKING ONLY SO YOU CAN DRINK...



HE'S NOT REALLY A APERSON WHO'D DO SUCH A VIOLENT THING...
UMM... THANKS FOR SAVING ME...
HE DECIDED TO DROWN HIMSELF IN ALCOHOL
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE HE GOT FIRED
THERE'S BEEN MORE AND MORE OF THOSE RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS LATELY...
LET ME GO YOU MON-GREEL-S!!
WE SHOULD STAND UP AGAINST THEM!

Blumenbett
RATTLE RATTLE
Thanks for walking me back!
If you'd like, I can make some herb tea for you.
OH
SO THIS WAS A FLOWER SHOP
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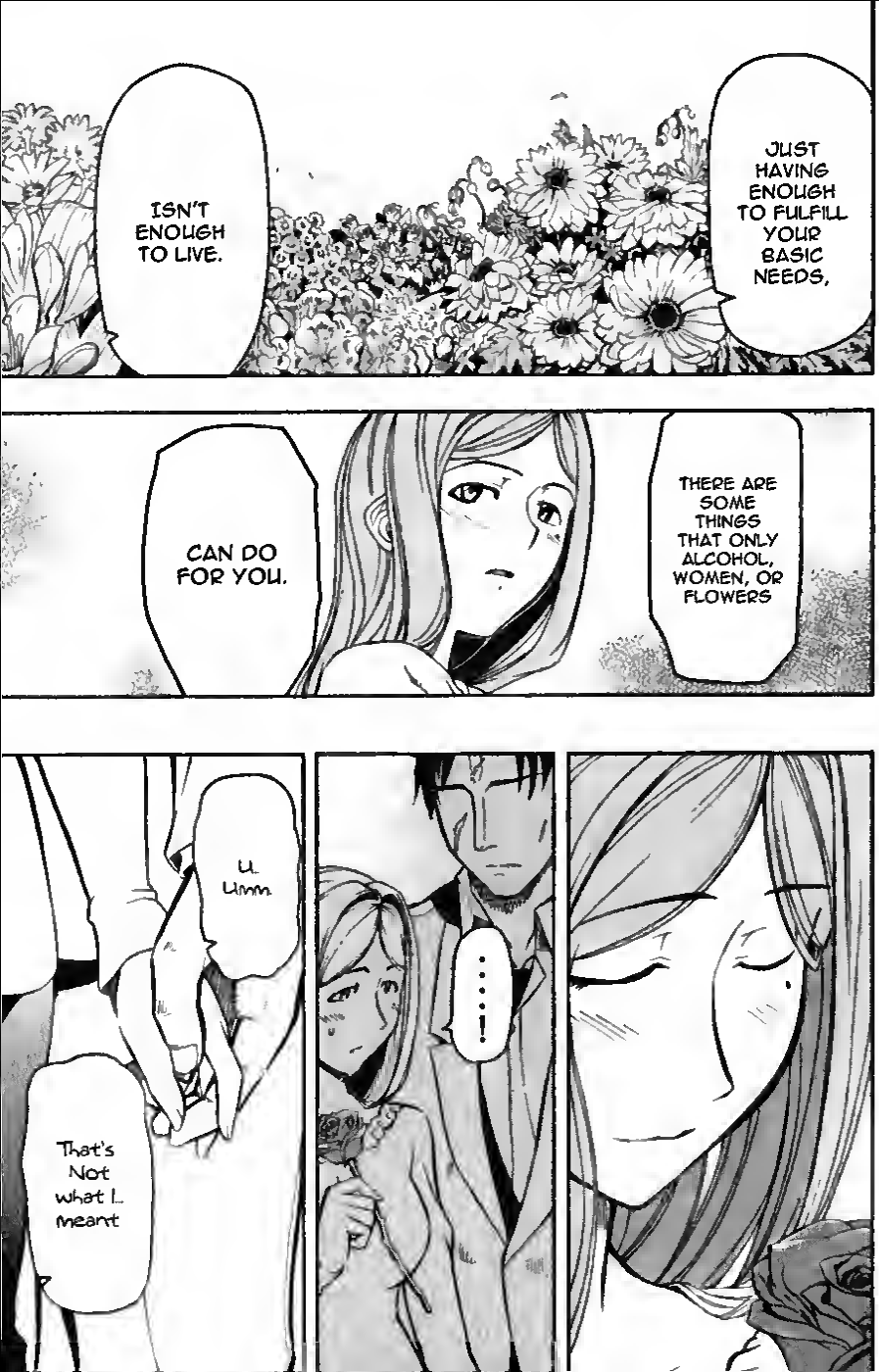
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE ABLE TO STAY IN BUSINESS THOUGH.

SO THERE AREN T VERY MANY WHO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY FLOWERS.
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH BARELY ENOUGH MONEY TO GET FOOD TO EAT.
YOU WANT TO HUG A GIRL.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN
AND THAT FEELING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE MONEY.
YOUR HUSBAND WAS LIKE THAT TOO.
HE BARELY HAD ANY MONEY, BUT HE STILL MANAGED TO FIND ENOUGH FOR ALCOHOL.


JUST HAVING ENOUGH TO FULFILL YOUR BASIC NEEDS,
ISN'T ENOUGH TO LIVE.
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ONLY ALCOHOL, WOMEN, OR FLOWERS
CAN DO FOR YOU.
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That's Not what I.. meant
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I'M JUST AN NTR'IST.
I SAID IT BEFORE RIGHT?
BAM
BAM
CLANG

ALL THIS GUNFIRE IS REALLY ANNOY-ING..
DAMN..
W-WAIT!
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I SURRENDER...
SWISH
COUGH

TRAINING'S OVER!!
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THAT FRANSISCA... DOESN'T IT LOOK LIKE SHE'S BEEN IN A BAD MOOD RECENTLY?
I REALLY THOUGHT I'D BE KILLED THERE..
LAST WEEK SHE BROKE SOMEONE'S COLLAR-BONES... TWO OF THEM

IT'S ABOUT THAT ISN'T IT?
THAT WATER BUREAU INCIDENT!
I let the chief get hurt!
How terrible!
Aaah!
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HHEY, WE STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED YET!!
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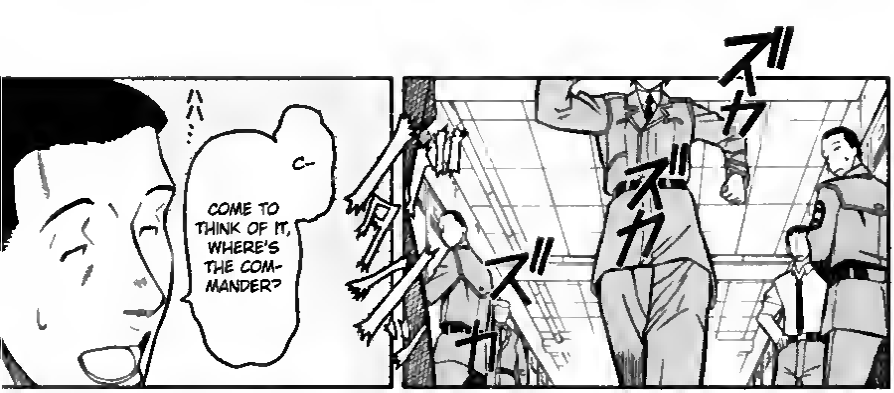
RIGHT OR LEFT, WHICH DO YOU WANT?
YOUR COLLAR-BONES...

COME TO THINK OF IT, WASN'T IT A GIRL WHO MANAGED TO BEAT THE CAPTAIN TOO?
IT'S TRUE THAT SHE'S A NOBLE BUT-
DAMN... HOW COME WE DON'T HAVE A GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM.
THAT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE THOUGHT IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A WOMAN TO PASS ONE OF CLAYMORE'S ADMISSION TESTS.
JUST HALF OF THAT THING WAS 2 METERS LONG.
IT'S TALLER THAN ME.
HE HAS A HUGE SCAR ON HIS FACE NOW.
AND EVEN THE CAPTAIN LOST...
THAT'S ONE AMAZING WOMAN!
THE CAPTAIN DIDN'T LOSE TO ANYBODY!!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COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE'S THE COMMANDER?
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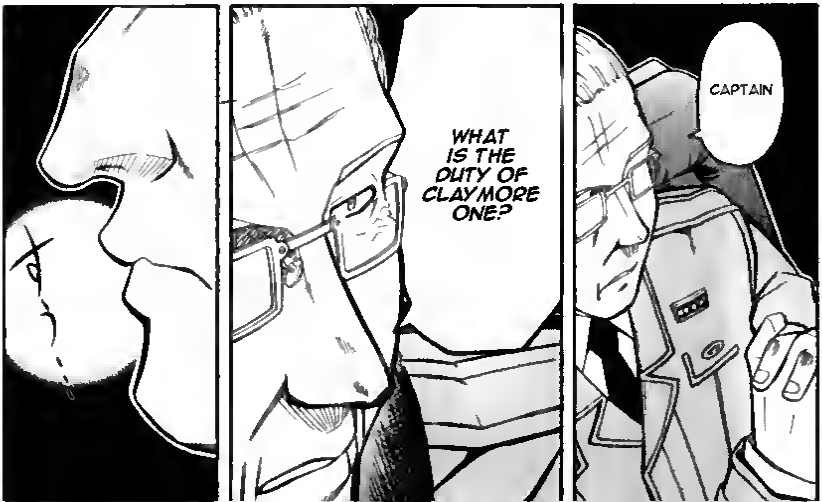
THE CHIEF CALLED HIM FOR SOMETHING
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER "OPERATION" SOON PROBABLY.

"RED CAP"?
SECTION 1st MAJOR CONVERY

THAT'S WHAT THEIR ORGANIZATION IS CALLED.
LET ME GO YOU MONGRELS!
ALL OF THOSE ARRESTED ARE PART OF "RED CAP"
THANKS TO ALL OF THIS ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY, THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS HAVE GONE UP.
FOR A SMALL SCALE ORGANIZATION LIKE THEM,
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THEY CAUSE IS THE ONLY THING THEY CAN DO!
THAT INCIDENT AT THE BALL.
THEY PROBABLY ORIGINATED FROM

THAT'S PROBABLY GIVING THE ACTIVISTS THE CONFIDENCE TO DO THIS.
THAT RUMOR PROBABLY STARTED SPREADING FROM SOMEWHERE.
"EVEN THOUGH THEY REVOLTED, THEY MANAGED TO AVOID EXECUTION!"

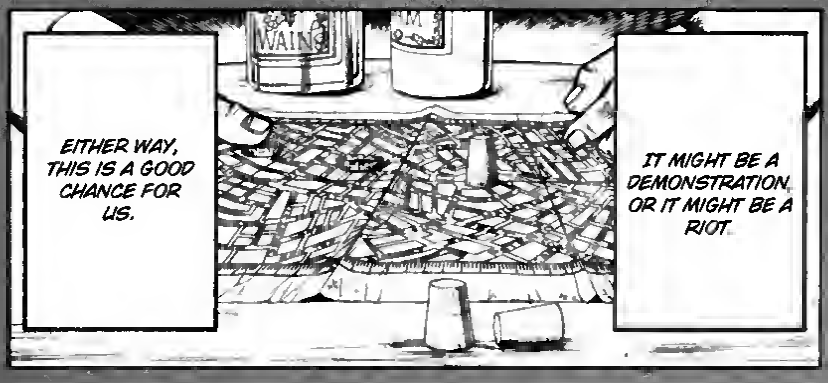
HE NEEDS TO STOP BEING SO LAX.
THAT TEZUNA LET HIS GUARD DOWN.


WHAT IS THE DUTY OF CLAYMORE ONE?
CAPTAIN

"TO BE FEARED BY THE CITIZENRY"
THAT IS OUR, CLAYMORE ONE'S, MOST IMPORTANT DUTY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
NOT CARING ABOUT THE HOSTAGES AND ATTACKING ANYWAY.
TAKING NO PRISONERS.
THIS IS ALL TO INSTILL FEAR.

BEING ABLE TO DETER ATTACKS BEFORE THEY COME, THAT IS "CLAYMORE ONE"!!
GIVEN THE NAME OF THAT LARGE SWORD BY OUR COUNTRY
MY SUBORDI-NATES..
ALL HAVE THAT MANTRA
HAMMERED INTO THEIR MINDS!!

THE "RED CAP" WE WERE TALKING ABOUT..
SIR!
AL-RIGHT! MARCO!
A MEMBER OF "TRI DAGGER" CONTACTED US LAST NIGHT.
WE INFILTRATED ONE OF THEIR MEETINGS, AND
IT SEEMS LIKE THE LEADERS OF THIS MOVEMENT ARE PLANNING SOMETHING BIG.


EITHER WAY, THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR US.
IT MIGHT BE A DEMONSTRATION, OR IT MIGHT BE A RIOT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO DEFEND AGAINST AN ATTACK THAT'S STOPPED BEFORE IT HAPPENS.
LET'S SHOW THEM JUST HOW STRONG WE ARE!
LET'S DESTROY THEIR PLANS!

RUTHLESSLY! HEARTLESSLY! COMPLETELY CRUSH THEM!!
OF ALL OF THE CIVILIANS WHO HAVE GATHERED FOR THIS PLOT
BEFORE THE EYES

YES SIR!
COM-
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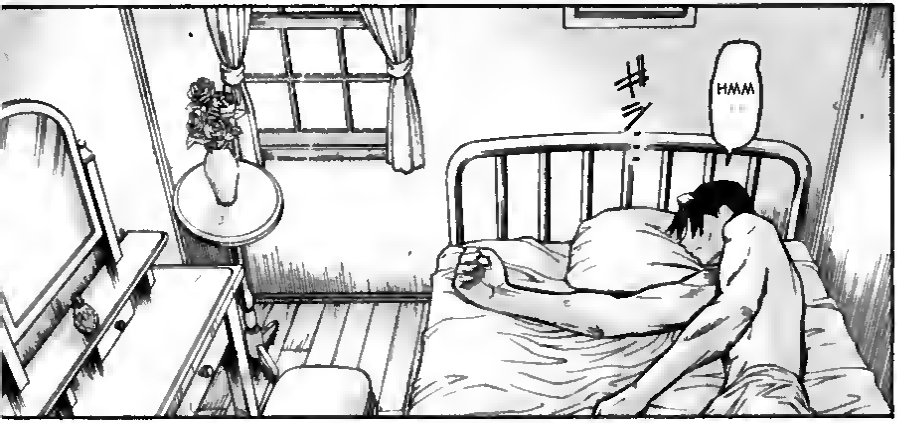
CLAYMORE ONE.
LEAVE IT TO US.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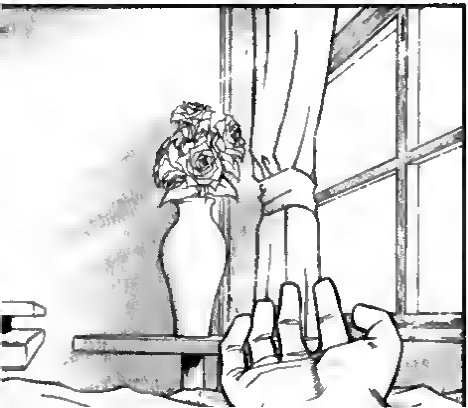
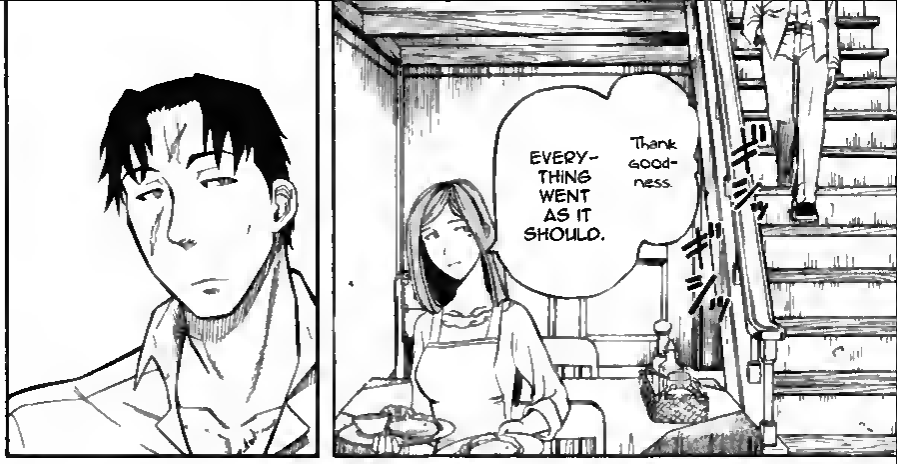
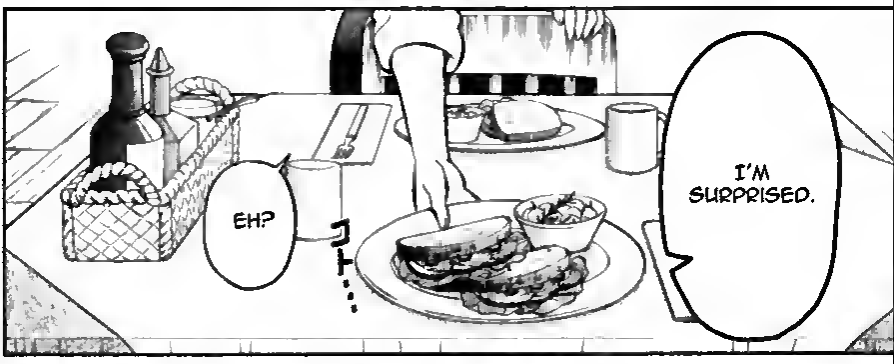
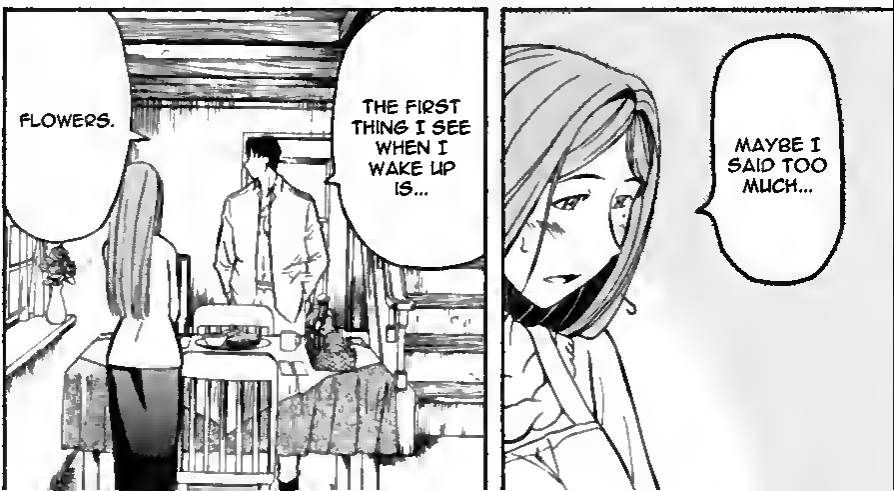



Thank goodness.
EVERY-THING WENT AS IT SHOULD.


EH?
I'M SURPRISED.


FLOWERS.
THE FIRST THING I SEE WHEN I WAKE UP IS...
MAYBE I SAID TOO MUCH...

I'M SUR-PRISED.
IT'S NOT A BAD SIGHT.
I WONDER HOW COME I ALWAYS END UP MEETING THE SAME KIND OF PEOPLE...
YOU LOOK ROUGH ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY DELICATE ON THE INSIDE...

LOOK LIKE A VIOLENT PERSON.
I GUESS I DO...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DIE SO MANY TIMES LAST NIGHT...!
BUT YOU'RE NOT!
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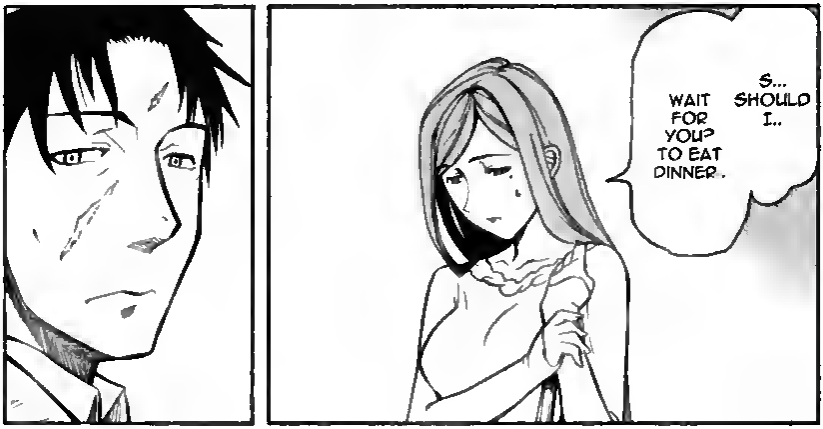
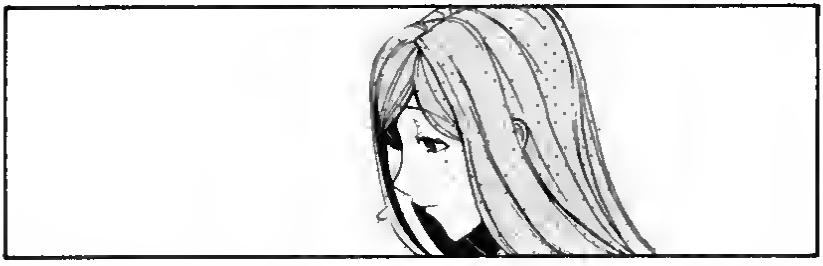
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ABOUT YOU BEING DELICATE.
SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE HAPPY.
YEAH, TO PROCESS MY SALES.
THE BANK?
ESPECIALLY FOR A WOMAN LIVING ALONE.
IT'S BEEN DANGER-OUS RECENTLY.

AH, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
EH?

THERE'S A SHOP I LIKE CLOSE BY.
AAAH...


S... SHOULD I.. WAIT FOR YOU? TO EAT DINNER.



WEL-
COME-
OH,
IT'S YOU.

KNIFE SHOP

LIKE A KNIFE SHARPENED BY THAT APPRENTICE TOSHIRO.
YOU LOOK DEPRESSED.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT I RE-QUESTED?
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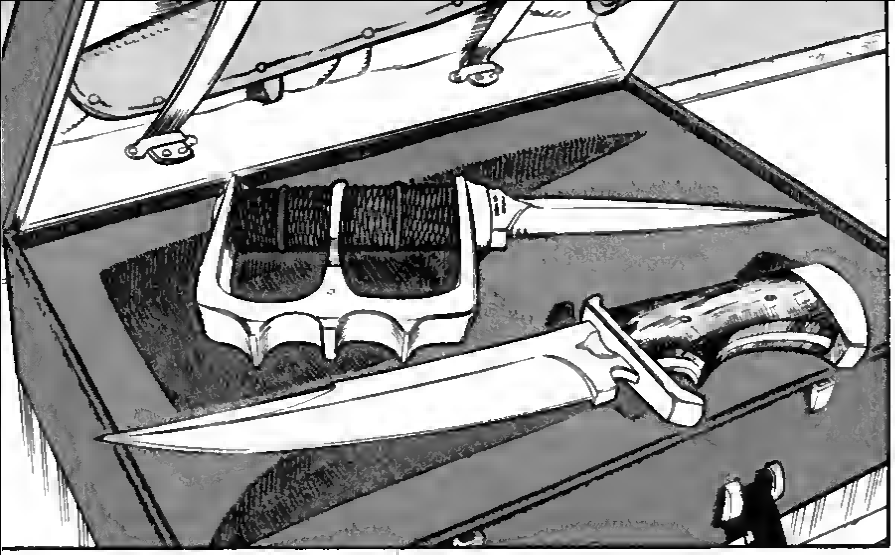
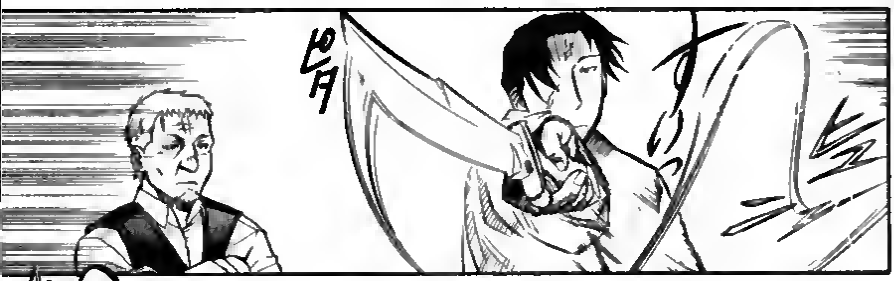
Did you get rejected by a girl?

IT WON'T BREAK SO EASILY THIS TIME.
KIND OF.

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THE GRIP'S BALANCE IS PRETTY BAD...
THAT'S WHY I SAID KIND OF.
I'M GOING TO REMAKE THE HILT AFTER MEASURING YOUR GRIP.

G-GUN-FIRE?!
IT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY..

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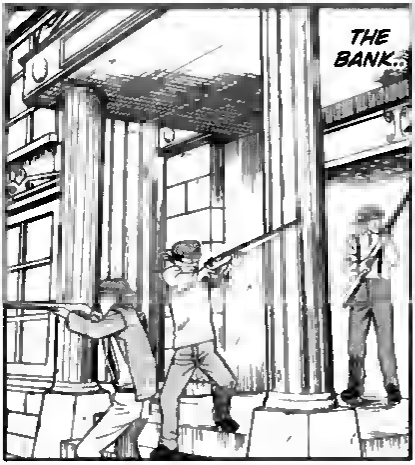
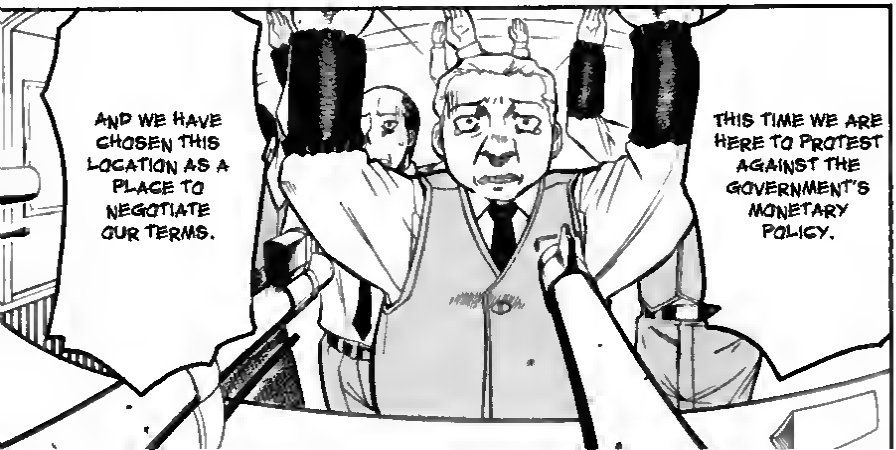

THE BANK...

OVER THERE IS...

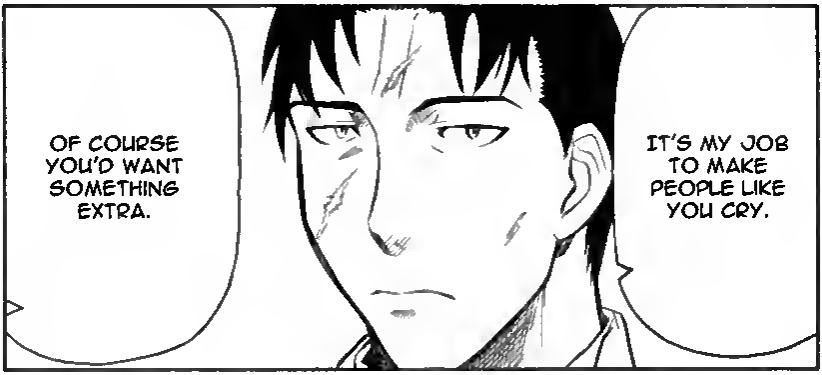
WE'RE NOT AFTER YOUR MONEY!!
LISTEN UP LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN!!

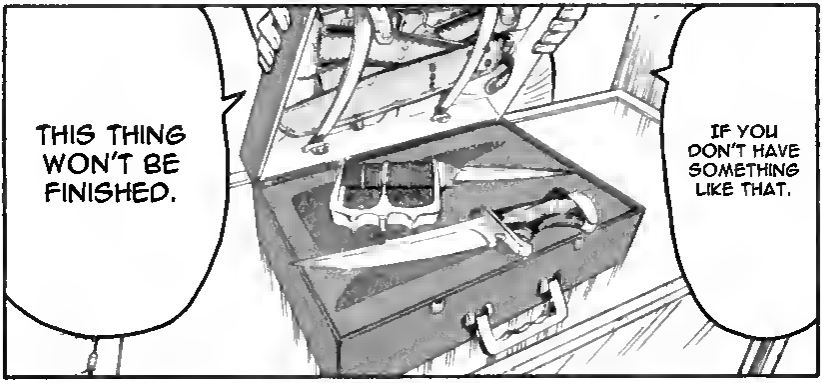
WE ARE HERE TO RELEASE THIS NATION FROM EVIL.
WE ARE "RED CAP".

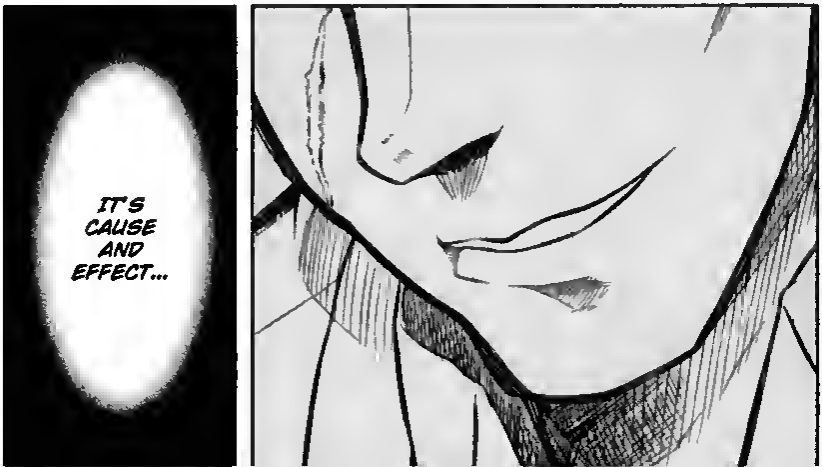

AND WE HAVE CHOSEN THIS LOCATION AS A PLACE TO NEGOTIATE OUR TERMS.
THIS TIME WE ARE HERE TO PROTEST AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S MONETARY POLICY.

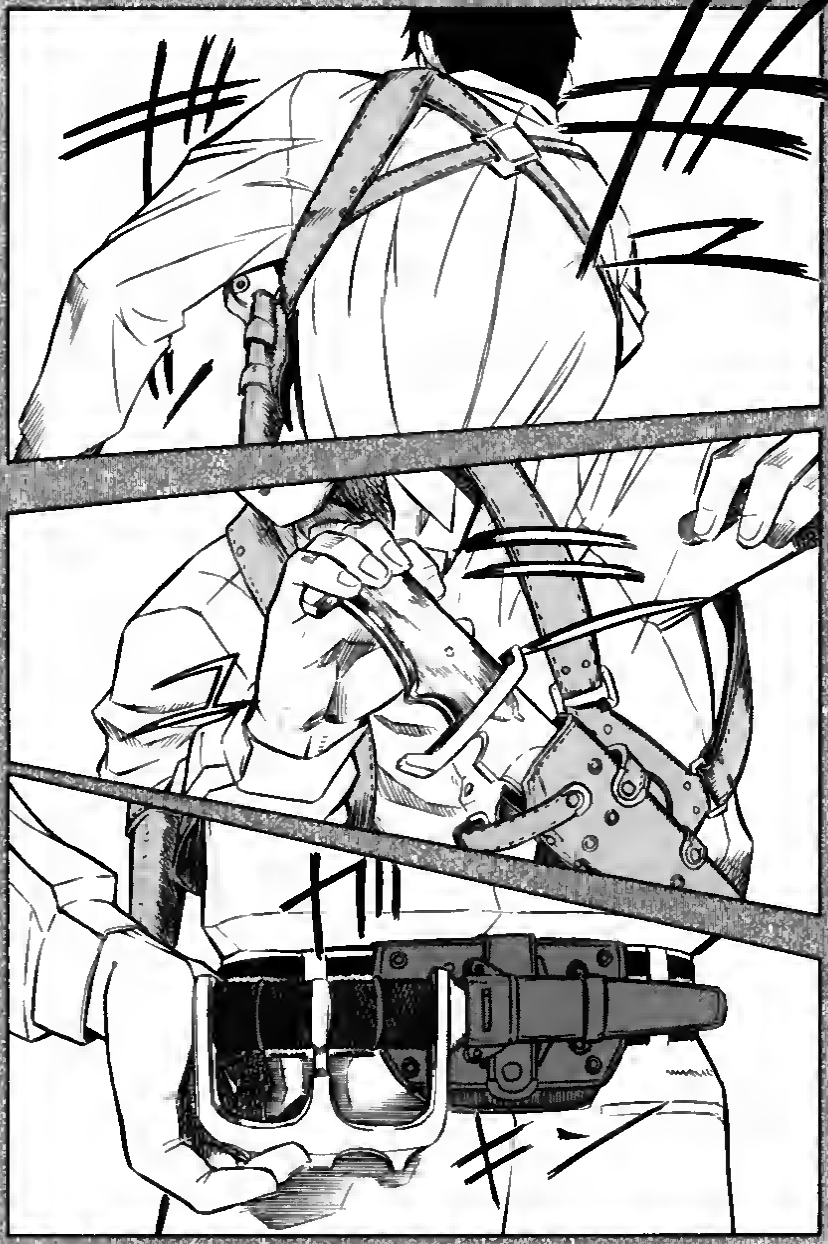
OUR ONLY GOAL HERE IS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT!
HOW-EVER..
THOSE WHO FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THAT
WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN.

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY PLAN TO HOLE THEM-SELVES IN.
IT'S BEEN FIVE MINUTES SINCE WE HEARD THOSE GUNSHOTS... IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY FLED.
WE'RE CLOSING FOR TODAY NOW.
SHE REALLY DOESN'T HAVE ANY LUCK.
THAT WOMAN.
HM? AH.
OH. YOU HAVE FLOWERS...


OF COURSE YOU'D WANT SOMETHING EXTRA.
IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU CRY.


THIS THING WON'T BE FINISHED.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.


IT'S CAUSE AND EFFECT...



WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!!
HEY!

SUDDENLY I DECIDED THAT I WANT A WOMAN.

I'LL BE TAKING THIS.
WE'VE BEEN TOLD TO ANNIHI- LATE THEM COM- PLETELY..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE HOSTAGES' SAFETY!!

CLAYMORE ONE
MOVE OUT!!
See You Next Time!

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